
GUARD & GROW
Toxic Teachers:
Character
&
Content
2 Peter 2

Postmodernism

"Doubt and skepticism have been canonized as a form of humility. Right and wrong have been redefined in terms of subjective feelings and personal perspectives."

MacArthur, The Truth War

Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints… watch out for "certain persons"…

-Jude

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To: those who are the called



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To: the chosen lady and her children

... many deceivers have gone out into the world... watch yourselves... anyone who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ does not have God...

Lots more to write, but not with paper and ink...

John



So glad to hear that you are walking in the truth... Diotrephes will be called out - he loves to be first... however, Demetrius has received a good testimony from everyone and the truth itself

Lots more to write, but not with pen and ink... see you soon,
John

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To: the elder Gaius



Toxic Teachers: Their Character

- Fleshly

  Am I listening to / reading messages that include themes of self denial and godliness?

- Despise authority / self willed

  Beware of those who build themselves up at the expense of others, and don't respect authority

  Are you as a teacher or leader willing to defer to others?

- Greed

  What is the training regimen my heart?



Toxic Teachers: Their Content

- Jesus is Depreciated

  Listen for a tone of reverence and submission to Christ: "our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity"

- Revile without Knowledge

  They don't know what they are talking about.

  "their self assurance or presumption is matched only by their ignorance. Their ignorance is never more glaring than when they criticize the Bible. Because they are devoid of divine life, they are utterly unable to understand the words, ways, and works of God (1Cor 2:14). Yet they pose as experts in the spiritual realm. A humble believer can see more on his knees than they can see on their tiptoes."*



* http://www.preceptaustin.org/2_peter_212-16.htm#2:12

Toxic Balaam

- Balaam: “The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak.” Num 22:38
- Corrupt Counsel: “Behold, these caused the sons of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD…” Num 31:16









You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen. 2Pe 3:17-18

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