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## John the Baptist & the Crucified Messiah Foretold in the Old Testament, Fulfilled in the New.

Traveling to the probable location where Yeshua Ha Adon (the Lord Jesus) was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River at Bethabara in the Judean Desert (John 1:28; Matthew 3:13-17), God opened a Gospel witness. After arriving there, the Lord opened a door for me to witness to Shlomo about what Bible prophecy predicted about the Messiah's forerunner John the Baptist prophesied in Isaiah 40:3 and Malachi 3:1. This prompted me to exhort the receptive Israeli Shlomo to read the Jewish New Testament to learn that these prophecies of the Messiah's forerunner were fulfilled in John the Baptist who prepared the way for Yeshua the Messiah by calling on Israel to repent and believe in this King of the Jews so that His Messianic kingdom could be established in Israel. I then asked Shlomo if he ever had the opportunity to read the Brit Hadashah (the New Testament) to learn these theological truths. He responded, "No, I have not, but I have always wanted to a copy so I could read it." The Holy Spirit beautifully set this up so I could facilitate this very thing! Pulling out a complete Hebrew Bible that, of course, including the New Testament, I joyfully offered God's Word to Shlomo. He was visibly surprised I just happened to have the Scriptures to give him!

The young man was very open about the fact that Messianic prophecy points directly to Yeshua being the one and only Messiah of Israel. In Jerusalem, there was Isaac a former Orthodox Jew of the strict Harideem sect. The extreme legalism and pervasive hypocrisy of this group so disillusioned Isaac that he left the religious group to become a secularist. Going over some of the detailed Messianic prophecies that Yeshua of Nazareth fulfilled from the Tenach (the

Old Testament), Isaac found it hard to believe Yeshua's atoning death by crucifixion was foretold 1,000 years before by King David. So I showed Isaac the Hebrew text of Psalm 22:16 where it is written of the crucified Messiah, *"They have pierced My hands and*



Todd & Isaac

*feet."* I then showed the former Harideem the great prophecy and promise of Jeremiah 31:31-34 where God promised the New Covenant to Israel and how the death of Yeshua in Matthew 26:28 fulfills this very prophecy. After hearing this, Isaac attempted to say this covenant spoken of in Jeremiah 31 was talking about the giving of the Torah to Israel at Mt. Sinai. But I quickly pointed out that Jeremiah 31:32 clearly shows that this New Covenant mentioned

in verse 31 is different and unlike the Old Covenant when God brought Israel out of Egypt.

It is the New Covenant where Yeshua offered His perfect life as the final sacrifice for sin so that those who believe in Him have all their sins removed. Isaac at this point thought I was talking about Joshua son of Nun who succeeded Moses. Patiently, I told Isaac that I was talking about Yeshua the Son of God born of a virgin according to Isaiah 7:14. Isaac was compelled enough to take a copy of a complete Hebrew Bible and Messianic prophecy list fulfilled by Yeshua of Nazareth from me so that he could study and see for himself that what I was telling him was truly what the Jewish Bibles teaches. Due to financial constraints we can only go for nine days on this outreach. †

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*"For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."*  
- 2 Timothy 4:3-4

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## Defusing Demonic Dirty Bombs Part 2

By: Steven Kozar

These ideas, catch phrases and concepts have infiltrated the church and have laid a false foundation. They're a "set-up." Because many Christians believe these things, false teachings are slipping into the church all over the place. These are the type of comments that Chris that Bible "discerning Christians" hear over and over again. Yes, there might be some truth in some of these ideas, but taken as a whole, they have replaced authentic, Bible-based Christianity and are allowing "another gospel" to take its place.

**11. "We're getting lot's of resistance-we must be doing something right! Satan wants to stop us, that's why people are being so critical!"** This line of thinking is, at best, a 50/50 proposition; maybe it's true, but it's just as possible that you're getting resistance because your teaching is wrong and some people are trying to correct you.

**12. "Well, he just heard/read some negative stuff on the Internet; they can say anything on the internet!"** Like the previous point, this is, at best, a 50/50 proposition. It could just as easily be said, "he just read that stuff in a best-selling book; they can say anything in a book!" Do so few people realize that there are no rules for what can be published in a book? The truth is, there's a lot of information that is only available online; that's the nature of the world we live in. This idea is very similar to #2, because what people are really saying is: "it might be proven by lot's of information online (blogs, podcasts featuring interviews with experts and actual witnesses, doctrinal papers, personal testimony, etc.), but it's not the consensus view (it isn't supported by giant book publishers, Christian media companies, mega-churches, etc.) so I refuse to believe it." We should be testing everything against the Word of God-no matter what anybody says!

It's important to understand that some giant "Christian" media companies are owned by even larger non-Christian media companies. For example, billionaire Rupert Murdoch owns the global media conglomerate News Corporation (Fox News, The Wall Street Journal, Twentieth Century Fox Films, etc., etc.), which owns Harper Collins, one of the largest book publishers in the world. Harper Collins owns both Zondervan and Thomas Nelson-the two biggest Christian (or "inspirational") book publishers in the world. These companies are all about making money. It's crazy to assume that somebody, somewhere is carefully checking the content of every single book they sell. This doesn't mean that Zondervan and Thomas Nelson don't have any good books, by the way; it just means there's no guarantee. Whether they're on the Internet or in a book, all ideas and teachings should be diligently compared to the Word of God.

**13. "Don't listen to that discernment guy-he's a dream stealer! You've got a Dream that God has planted in your heart! God has a special Destiny planned for your life-a Divine Assignment! God wants you to find your purpose, but the devil wants to steal your dream!"** This is the "Dream Destiny Thingy" theology, and it's an underlying assumption in a lot of evangelical teaching, but it's most prevalent within charismatic teaching. The amazing thing is, it's not in the Bible. Anywhere! Neither Jesus nor the Apostles ever told us to "follow the dreams in our heart." Yet, in a million sermons you'll hear pastors claim that "God has planted a dream inside you" or "you've gotta have a vision;" but it's just an assumption that is never proven from God's Word (and the few Bible verses that might be mentioned are ripped from their context). This is ear tickling at it's worst.

If you're under a pastor who teaches this way, you're either in the earlier stages of false hope where "something really big is right around the corner" (which takes your attention away from Jesus and His finished work on the cross), or you're dealing with confusion and/or resentment because you haven't had your dreams come true-in

fact, you've probably had major disappointments as you've waited for God to "come through with His promises" (and you're attention is not on Jesus and His finished work on the cross). With this Dream Destiny Thingy as a starting point, all sermons become focused on us, and how we're supposed to follow the mystical trail of breadcrumbs that God leaves for us, as we ride our unicorns across the rainbows of our imagination...

Here's one of the very few passages in the whole Bible that could pertain to this issue: **Jude 1:8 "In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings."** Hmmmm... so that's how the Bible describes a dreamer in the church.

**14. "Look at all the fruit on his tree-he must be blessed by God!" "With all those new people going to that church, you just know it's being blessed by God!"** Fruit on the tree does not mean "people coming to church." Here's the only thing that can be said for sure about a church with thousands of people attending: the pastor is being paid a large salary. Seriously, that's about all we can know for sure. Oh, and they also must have a good worship team (soft rock band). When Jesus told us to look at the fruit of a teacher, He was telling us to compare the teaching and life of the teacher to Jesus-it should "look" the same. Any pastor teaching things that are contrary to Jesus is a false teacher-no matter how many followers he has. This is often related to the next one...

**15. "But he does everything in the name of Jesus-he must be okay!"** Think about it: if Satan wanted to operate in the church (and he does!), would he do it in his own name? Would he show up in church in his bright red jumpsuit and give himself away? Does any deception announce itself ahead of time? Deception is about pretending to be something else. The apostle Paul exposed the false "super apostles" in the Corinthian church and said: **"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness."** 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

Jesus said in **Matthew 7:22 "Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in YOUR NAME, and in YOUR NAME cast out demons, and in YOUR NAME perform many miracles?' And I will declare to them; I never knew you; depart from me, you who practice lawlessness."** It should be assumed that a false teacher would always use the name of Jesus!

**16. "It can't be true, because I would have known about it already!" (or "somebody would have said something by now!")** This is a common knee-jerk reaction when people first hear about false doctrine in their midst. This is really saying "I already know everything that needs to be known; if I get new and different information that doesn't correspond to my currently held beliefs, then it must be wrong. I refuse to look into anything that might threaten my views."

Somebody *did* say something: **In Matthew 7:15 Jesus said, "Watch out for wolves in sheep's clothing, because somebody is already doing that for you; besides, you don't want to be too critical..."**

**17. "That discernment guy is just promoting fear, and fear comes from the devil!" "He's got a lot of anger-you can tell he's not of God!"** By saying things like this, a false teacher can appear to invalidate whatever a discerning Christian has to say. Of course it's true that we aren't supposed to live in fear and/or anger; but when a discerning Christian tries to warn the church about a dangerous deception, it's only normal to express some outrage. The important question is whether or not his concerns are warranted. If a sheep discovers that his shepherd is actually a wolf, a (temporary) sense of fear and/or anger is an appropriate response in order for him to leave and warn others. In actuality, it is the cult member that goes through life like a zombie, constantly thinking "positive thoughts" and refusing to wake up to the deception that surrounds him. Warning a fellow Christian about false teaching is not promoting fear-but, ironically, a false teacher has no problem scaring his followers into compliance and threatening them if they dare question his authority. The Apostle Paul said this to the Ephesian Elders in **Acts 20:29 "I know that after my**

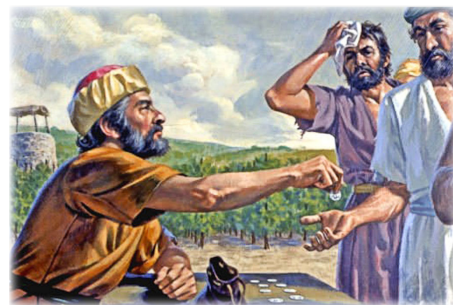
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# The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

(Matthew 20:1-16)

Part 12



*"For the Kingdom of heaven is like to a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. And when he agreed with the laborers for a penny a day, he sent them into the vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, 'Why do you stand here all day idle?' They said to him, 'Because no man has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you shall receive.' So when evening had come, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, 'Call the laborers, and give them their wages, beginning from the last to the first.' And when those came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a penny. But when the first came, they had supposed they should have received more; and they likewise received every man a penny. And when they had received it, they murmured against the Goodman of the house, saying, 'These last have labored but one hour; and you have made them equal to us, which have borne the burden and heat of the day'. But he answered one of them, and said, 'Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a penny? Take what is yours, and go your way. I will give to the last, even as I gave to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is your eye evil, because I am good?' So the last shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."*

The parable illustrates there exist false brethren who are selfish by nature working along side true brethren who are self sacrificial by nature within the kingdom of heaven during the present age. A man considered a "brother in the faith" who is covetous by nature is not to be fellowshipped with by other Christians (1 Corinthians 5:11). Is it any wonder then that our Lord's parable makes a stark contrast between the early hour and late hour laborers of the vineyard? This is evident in verses 14, 15, and 16. In verse 14, the householder gives the early hour workers their pay for the day and tells them to go their own way. They parted company after the householder finished speaking. They cared no longer to remain and work in the vineyard any more; verses 15 and 16 prove these men were "called" but not preeminently "chosen" to be the householder's own servants.

*"Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own? Is your eye evil, because I am good?" So the last will shall be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen"* (Verses 15 and 16).

The householder defends his sovereign right to do whatever he wishes with his own hired laborers. The clear implication from the tone of verse 15 is that those hired during the eleventh hour were truly proven to be the householder's own, whereas the grumbling workers hired during the morning and early afternoon hours were called to be chosen workers but not proven to be chosen at the end of the day by virtue of character and motive of intent. The contradistinction between the two groups is seen by the householder's demarcating statement, *"Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with my own?"* The insinuation of these words would seem to indicate that only the eleventh workers were genuinely considered to be the householder's chosen in the end - for only they are spoken of by the householder as "his own." Moreover by the rhetorical question of, *"Is your eye evil, because I am good"*, the householder exposes the true intent of these disgruntled workers that dared question his unimpeachable kindness. Subsequently, the householder accused them of having an evil eye about the situation.

The term "evil eye" is a Hebraic idiom frequently

used in the Bible. It means to the Jews a wicked, covetous person with an envious outlook on the good fortune of others, while hastily seeking after riches. *"He that hastens to be rich has an evil eye"* (Proverbs 28:22). The early hour workers did indeed have an evil, covetous eye. For they sought the gold instead of the Giver; they trusted in cold currency instead of the faithful, compassionate Creator; and they worshipped after money instead of the Maker. The early hour workers were also envious at the prosperity of the eleventh hour workers and desired to have more than they. The "evil eye" is also expressive of the double-minded heart that attempts to use God merely as an objective means of gaining affluence (Matthew 6:22-24). The double minded heart of this kind is divided into two compartments. The upper compartment is devoted exclusively to monetary avarice; the lower compartment is considerably smaller. It is devoted to God, or in reality to another god - the god of "success" and not the crucified God of the Bible. The double minded ever fail to "forsake" all material entanglements of this world to follow Christ. They lack the essential ingredient needed to truly serve and love Christ - self-denial. Without a denial of self-interests, you cannot successfully become a minister of Jesus Christ and His Gospel!

The early hour laborers left the marketplace, but the all-consuming desire of making a profit did not leave them when entering the Lord's vineyard. They were well presentable laborers on the outside, but within rotten to core "full of ravening and extortion". Since they were correctly branded with having an "evil eye" toward the householder's kindness on the other workers, the early hour laborers were guilty by the householder's reprimand of moral turpitude, a darkness of mind and soul. *"If your eye is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters for either he will hate the one and love the other. You cannot serve God and money"* (Matthew 6:23-24). This is further proof that those sorts of workers and so-called "Christians" were called, but did not

remain chosen. Another characteristic separating the two was contentment with the goodness of the householder's pay shared among the elated eleventh hour workers and the discontentment with it experienced among the early hour workers. The penny distributed therefore was given qualitatively and not quantitatively. The reward was valued according to the individual estimate of it. The householder's "own" were deeply grateful for his charitableness.

The elect of God can enjoy now and in eternity to come the blessed fruits of labor sincerely done for Christ the divine Householder. We say this not with shallow sentimentality, but from the verity of Scripture. *"My people and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain"* (Isaiah 65:22-23). In contrast, the early hour laborers were unhappy at what was given them because the work was done for the carnal purpose of fulfilling the various desires and insatiable cravings of the flesh. The workingman of secular society is the same. *"All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. But Godliness with contentment is great gain...and having food and clothing let us therewith be content"* (Ecclesiastes 6:7; 1 Timothy 6:6,8). Outside of Christ, all productive activity, even under a moral atmosphere, is unsatisfying to the hungered soul, profitless to redeem, and void of making veritably rich the needy soul. The Lord say of this, *"I will declare your righteousness, and your works, for they shall not profit you"* (Isaiah 57:12). From a human standpoint, one cannot blame the early hour laborer's anger at apparently being treated unfairly. However, all this is pointless for the householder was unlike any other earthly householder that laborers have ever encountered before. The eccentricity of his character in rewarding the last first, and the first last was quite puzzling to all of the workers involved. The householder repeatedly said to each group hired at different hours, *"Whatever is right, I will give you"*, and this was done for every man, for every man received a penny.

God's righteousness is never slackened, it is impartially rendered where justice is wanting

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wherein the good must be administered and upheld. Man's fragmented concept of God's evaluative justice in accordance with His dispensatory grace both maintained, yet not antithetical to each other, is often bewildering and most incomprehensible to the finite mortal. *"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? Or who has first given to Him, and it shall be recompensed to Him again? For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen"* (Romans 11:34-36). The parable of laborers in the vineyard ends in verse 16 with an unexpected twist - a reversal of positions takes place. The "first" originally called are placed last, while the "last" are chosen and placed first. And so will it be in the kingdom of heaven. Those who seek to exalt themselves will be set aside by the Lord in favor of the unassuming, meek, and humble servants of Christ. *"For everyone that exalts himself shall be abased; but he that humbles himself shall be exalted"* (Luke 14:11). God will elevate those that undertake His great work in humility of heart, but He will humiliate those who are exceedingly proud of their spiritual exploits in a wrong manner. The eleventh hour laborers are denominated the "chosen" and placed "first". The "first" are modest, unpretentious and humble servants who deeply realize, apart from Jesus Christ, the total wretchedness of their hearts. They claim no rightful credit of work done of them, but acknowledge to the Lord Jesus Christ, *"You are my Lord. I have no good beyond You"* (Psalm 16:2).

All goodness extends out of God only and is directed from Him to the world. *"The earth is full of the goodness of the Lord"* (Psalm 33:5). The "last" that are "first" always serve others, instead of marshaling them to serve oneself; the greatest of the vineyard in God's eyes will be those who serve others in humility, minding not high things, but condescending to men of low estate, esteeming others better than themselves. In doing this such place themselves "last" in preferring to serve others "first". But God will position these rare kind of Christ-like servants first in the kingdom to come. *"If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. He that is greatest among you shall be your servant"* (Mark 9:35; Matthew 23:11). Anybody can serve, but true service done in the vineyard is conducted with the sole intent of humbly benefitting the householder anticipating nothing in return. Real stewardship is devoted to the furtherance of another's estate at the expense of by passing your own. A genuine servant of Christ is willing to surrender his life, his reputation, his material welfare and anything else that would prove a hindrance in following the Lord.

The early hour workers were dubbed "last" and were called "first", but ultimately became morally unfit to be "chosen". The last that presume they are first are murmuring braggarts, haughty so called "Christians" that demean less gifted brethren. In the professional arena of Christendom, they are calculating swindlers and religious frauds that would attempt to use

the ministry as a pretense to make personal gain. Unlike the eleventh hour workers that simply serve the Lord without hidden motives, the early hour laborers serve the Lord of the vineyard merely to serve themselves. Christ will determine the validity of work done in the vineyard according to the attitude of the heart. The Christian's work will be judged on quality, not quantity, on the nature of it and not on the numerical results of converts, on the foundation it is built upon, and not on the financial intake of it. God is not going to reward each one of His servants on the duration of their work, but on the fidelity, the root cause, and qualitative outcome of it. Thus, the teaching of the parable is made clear both to the twelve disciples and us. There will be no rewarding distinction or regimented favoritism in the eyes of God between the mighty, renowned apostles of the early church and the faithful few of indistinguishable saints of the last days. All the saints of Christ will receive just and equal treatment for labor done in the cause of the Gospel. In Christ everyone has the same portion in the kingdom of heaven. *"Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours"* (1 Corinthians 3:21).

In the area of salvation, both Jew and Gentile, rich and poor, talented and untalented, experienced and inexperienced, successful and unsuccessful are co-equal heirs of God - for all are saved by grace through faith in "the unspeakable gift" Jesus Christ. The first ones called were first in length of service, but were ultimately placed last because of the incorrect attitude in which it was performed. We reiterate once again, spirit and intention, not Jewish or Gentile nationality, determined the reverse positioning of the laborers in the vineyard. Even so shall it be when the saint's spiritual work will be tested to see if it was born out of sincere intentions and motives. *"Every man's work shall be made manifest; for the day shall declare it because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is"* (1 Corinthians 3:13). Many candidates are called to full time ministry, but few actually retain a spirit of moderation, humility and full devotion to Christ and His work throughout the hours and days of their long or short service. Instead of using the most promising, well gifted individuals with multiple skills, thoroughly educated and prepared to successfully meet every challenge, God has chosen the "last" of the kingdom - the foolish of the world, the weak of the world, and the base of the world to bring to nothing things that are. *"For promotion comes neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the Judge. He puts down one, and sets up another. And whatsoever you do, do it heartily as the Lord and not to men knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of your inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ"* (Psalm 75:6-7; Colossians 3:23-24).



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**departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears."** Hey Apostle Paul, why don't you lighten up and stop frightening everyone with your angry warnings!!

**18. "We need a fresh move of the Holy Spirit!" "These discernment people are afraid of the new things that God wants to do-they're hindering the move of the Holy Spirit!"** This sounds so spiritual, but what does it actually mean? How do we know if the "move" is "fresh" enough? What if the "move" is past the expiration date? How does anyone know for sure that a "move" is really even caused by the Holy Spirit and isn't just emotional hype-or worse? These questions get completely ignored by most Charismatic/Pentecostal churches, because the assumption is: "we must have a revival!" And it depends on us mustering up something; and one hundred different "experts" have one hundred different opinions on how to make it happen. This kind of teaching is exhausting, confusing and it takes our attention away from the finished work of Jesus. After all, isn't it enough that Jesus came to earth, died on the cross to forgive all of our sins and then rose from the dead? Do we really need something better than that? Something "fresher"? Lastly, where in the teachings of the New Testament (the teachings for the church) were Christians ever instructed to ask for, and expect, a "fresh move of the Holy Spirit" or an "End Times Revival"? We weren't. You can relax now! The Apostle Paul says this in **Titus 3: 4-7 "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by**

**the washing and regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."**

**19. "Since God is truth, all truth is God's truth, so we can seek His truth anywhere and everywhere-not just from the Bible. These discernment Christians are too narrowly focused on the Bible-they're missing the bigger picture of who God is, and all He's doing!"** This idea sounds open-minded and "modern" (and nobody wants to appear old-fashioned) but it quickly falls apart in the real world. Why would God specifically reveal Himself in the written Word and in His Son, Jesus Christ, but then "sort of" appear in a million other forms (that can be viewed in a million different ways)? This is just accommodation and surrender to the unbelieving world. Jesus said in **John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** Being kind of exclusionary, aren't you Jesus?? If we're talking about computers, recipes, and lawn maintenance... ordinary, regular "stuff;" than of course we can learn from our unbelieving neighbors. But in spiritual matters, the potential for deception should always keep us very close to God's Word.

**20. "I know that some of their teaching is wrong, but they (pastor/ teacher/author) have some good things to say; we shouldn't just throw the baby out with the bathwater!" "Chew on the meat and spit out the bones."** Can you imagine a pastor/teacher that doesn't have any good things to say-ever? Of course not! They wouldn't last five minutes. Having some good things to say does not qualify anyone for ministry. So, this problem is twofold: first, there are unqualified

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"ministers" who really think they're doing God's work (but they're not), and second, there are millions of people putting themselves under their authority (and they shouldn't be). We should be very strict and discerning in who we accept ("ordain") as our pastor/teacher, just as the Bible instructs us to. *This is for our own good!* Lastly, this "chew on the meat, spit out the bones" idea is something that's often said about people getting new "words from God;" this is so ridiculous that it almost doesn't need to be refuted. If you *know* there are going to be some "bones" in a person's teaching that you'll have to "spit out" afterwards, how can *that* be a "word from God?" And why in the world are you listening to them to begin with?? Here's some better advice:

- Don't listen to anyone whose teaching requires "spitting out" afterwards.
- Don't listen to anyone that gets "downloads" (new revelations) directly from God.
- Don't listen to anyone who gives lip service to the Bible but rarely actually reads it.
- Don't listen to anyone whose ideas require "The Message Bible" for validation.
- Don't listen to anyone who is getting rich from his or her "ministry."
- Don't listen to anyone who twists God's Word or approves of those who do.
- Don't listen to anyone who values the world's approval more than service to God.
- Don't listen to anyone who talks more about themselves than the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Don't listen to anyone who "casts a vision" that you're required to follow.
- Don't listen to anyone who claims to have the ability to "speak things into existence."
- Don't listen to anyone who claims to have discovered a "secret" from God.
- Don't listen to anyone who preaches a whole sermon based on half of a (KJV) verse.
- Don't listen to anyone who preaches a sermon based on his or her new book.
- Don't listen to anyone who questions the Bible while pretending to value it.
- Don't listen to anyone who values adoration from the audience above service to God.
- Don't listen to anyone who refers to their own illegal activities as mere "mistakes."
- Don't listen to anyone who preaches all Law and no Gospel.
- Finally, don't listen to anyone who thinks this list is too harsh and narrow-minded!



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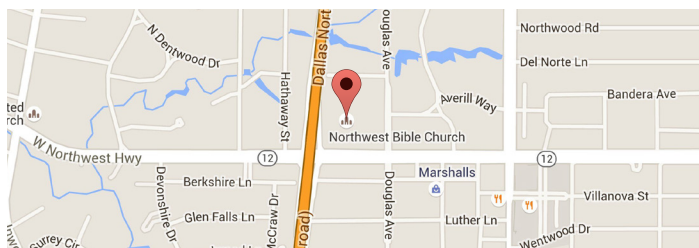
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