

**TRUTH and Consequences**  
**An Unshakeable Foundation**  
**January 3, 2021**

**Assignment:** The tendency for each of us is going to be to apply these critiques to those we disagree with. I am challenging each of us to examine our own hearts, and see where we may be guilty of spreading, or falling prey, to falsehoods.

**Matt 7:15-24**

*15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.*

*21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. 22 Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' 23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'*

*24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

**On Discerning Truth**

**1. Be on the lookout \_\_\_\_\_.** It is often  
\_\_\_\_\_. **V 15-16, 21-23**

**Here are some questions to ask:**

**What is a prophet?**

A prophet is one inspired by God through the Holy Spirit to deliver a message.

- **Prophets warn people who \_\_\_\_\_**  
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- **Prophets \_\_\_\_\_ for how God's people are to live in a specific time.**
- **And sometimes prophets foretell \_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Proverbs 15:1-3**

*A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.*

*<sup>2</sup> The tongue of the wise adorns knowledge,  
but the mouth of the fool gushes folly.*

*<sup>3</sup> The eyes of the Lord are everywhere,  
keeping watch on the wicked and the good.*

**2) Look for \_\_\_\_\_ with a solid track record. V 17-21**

**Galatians 5:22-26**

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

**Matthew 23:37**

<sup>37</sup> *"Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.*

