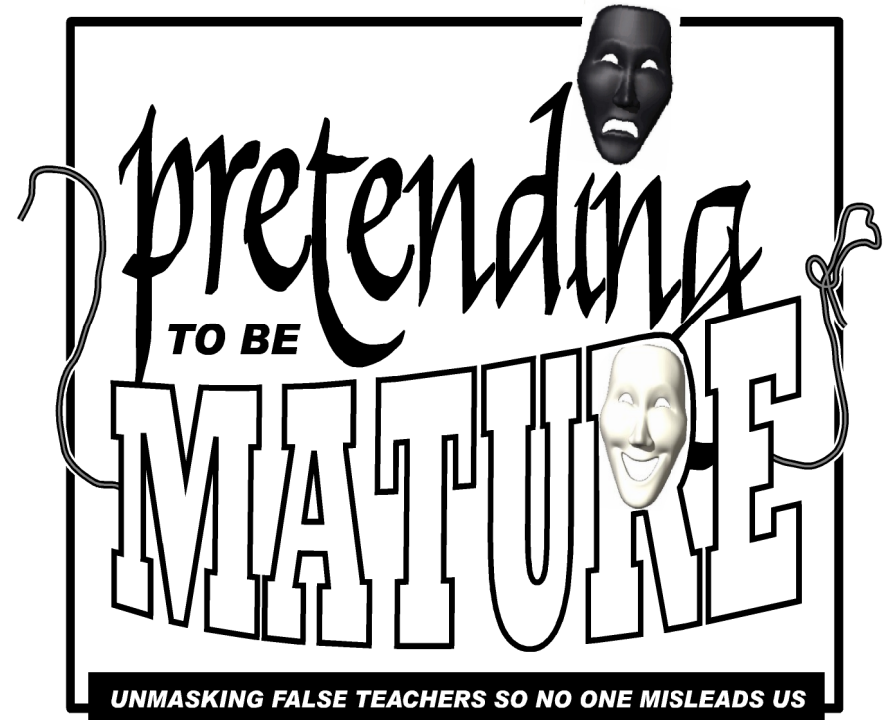


DAILY SCRIPTURE

The following readings will help prepare you for next week's message entitled, "Much Ado About Nothing: Making Too Much About Dreams & Visions:

- MON - JAN 4**
- Study-related: Jeremiah 5 & 7:27-28.
Note the descriptions of false prophets.
 - Psalm 1 & Proverbs 1:1-7
- TUE – JAN 5**
- Study-related: Jer. 9:23-10:25
• Note the descriptions of false prophets.
 - Psalm 2 & Proverbs 1:8-19
- WED – JAN 6**
- Study-related: Jer. 23
• Note the descriptions of false prophets.
 - Psalm 3 & Proverbs 1:20-33
- THU – JAN 7**
- Study-related: 2 Corinthians 12
• Note the humility of Paul in the midst of his vision experiences.
 - Psalm 4 & Proverbs 2:1-15
- FRI – JAN 8**
- Study Related: 1 Thessalonians 5
• Note especially vv. 19-22 and the call to balance.
 - Psalm 5 & Proverbs 2:16-22
- SAT – JAN 9**
- Study Related: 1 Timothy 1
• In verses 3-7 there are many words that describe getting off the true path.
 - Psalm 6 & Proverbs 3:1-8
- SUN – JAN 10**
- Study Related: 2 Timothy 2
• In verse 14-18 we are warned about quarreling & irreverent babble, which ruins hearers and leads to growing ungodliness.
 - Psalm 7 & Proverbs 3:9-12



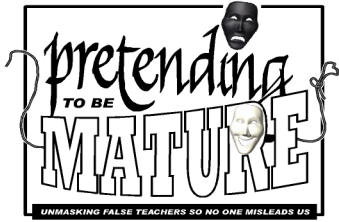
Today we begin a new study that seeks to ground us to the truth so that we will not be misled by false teachers. These deceivers are like wolves in sheep's clothing. The Bible says much about these ravenous creatures and warns us "pay careful attention" because these "fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock" (see Acts 20:28-31).

By God's grace we will avoid becoming cynical and overly skeptical. And yet we want to be discerning and wise for the sake of our own souls and those whom we have charge over. May God help us.

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**SEE TO IT THAT
NO ONE MISLEADS YOU**
the naïve vs. the deceivers

The warning of Jesus (Matthew 24:4):

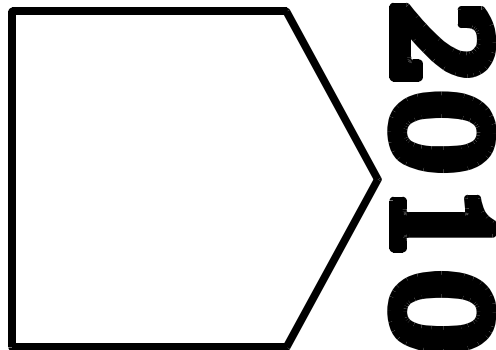
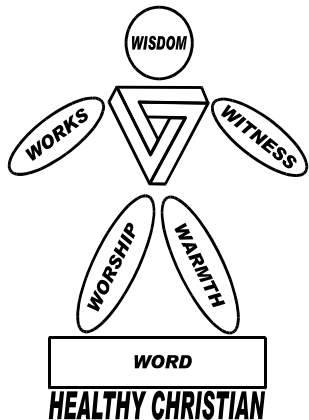
The warning of Paul to the Elders (Acts 20:28-31):

The warning of Paul to Timothy (2 Tim. 3:5-13):

The warning of Peter (2 Peter 3:16-18):



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USE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH YOUR
FAMILY/SMALL GROUP

REFLECT: What gift did you give for Christmas (this year or in years past) that should have come with a warning label? What should that warning label have said?

- A. Warning – this product's advertising is misleading.
- B. Warning – the play life of this product is short.
- C. Warning - this product is returned a lot!

READ: The biblical warnings listed in our notes today. And Acts 17:11.

- A. What does “of more noble character” mean according to verse 11?
- B. What “Scriptures” did the Bereans examine?
- C. Have you ever had a 'great eagerness' for the Word of God, like the Bereans? When?

REALIZE:

- 1. What is the character, danger and fate of false teachers.
- 2. What is the character, danger and fate of the naïve?

RESPOND:

- 1. When are you most naïve?
 - A. In Auto Repair Shops
 - B. In a Shopping Mall
 - C. At Church
 - D. At Work
- 2. Have you ever been taught something, or paid for something, only to find out later that it was wrong or way too much? How did that make you feel?

RESOLVE:

- 1. Compare 1 Thess. 1:3 and 2 Thess. 1:3.
 - A. What character trait is no longer mentioned?
 - B. How did the Thessalonian church lose it? Or, who scammed them and how? (see 2Thess. 2:2)
- 2. Where is the 21st Century Church most easily being deceived?
- 3. Memorize Acts 17:11

QUESTIONS