

## Demonism (part 6)

18. Exposure of occult teachings in the prosperity gospel and Word of Faith Movement. Some biblical preliminary considerations and guidelines:

- a. The believer is commanded to test all things.
  - ✓ 1 Thessalonians 5:21 Test all things carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.
- b. Just because something “works” does not mean it is true or from God.
  - ✓ Jeremiah 44:17 "But rather we will certainly carry out every word that has proceeded from our mouths, by burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, just as we ourselves, our forefathers, our kings and our princes did in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; for then we had plenty of food, and were well off, and saw no misfortune. 18 "But since we stopped burning sacrifices to the queen of heaven and pouring out libations to her, we have lacked everything and have met our end by the sword and by famine."
- c. The Bible explicitly warns of a coming deception.
  - ✓ 1 Timothy 4:1 But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,
- d. The Bible explicitly warns of coming dangerous times characterized by a form of godliness.
  - ✓ 2 Timothy 3:1 But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come.
  - ✓ 2 Timothy 3:5 holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; and avoid such men as these.
- e. The Bible explicitly warns of a coming apostasy.
  - ✓ 2 Thessalonians 2:3 Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction,

f. Are we forbidden to judge (Matt. 7:1)? What does God say?

- ✓ Romans 16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them. 18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.
- ✓ 1 Timothy 4:13 Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching.
- ✓ 1 Timothy 4:16 Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things; for as you do this you will insure deliverance both for yourself and for those who hear you.
- ✓ 2 Timothy 4:2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and will turn aside to myths.
- ✓ Titus 1:9 holding fast the faithful word which is in accordance with the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict.

g. Is it proper to name names?

- ✓ 1 Timothy 1:18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may fight the good fight, 19 keeping faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith. 20 Among these are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have delivered over to Satan, so that they may be taught not to blaspheme.



h. What could possibly create the people of Matthew 7:22-23?

- ✓ 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?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

In the "I AM" (the Ultimate To Be-ing),

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