

PRETENDERS, PREDATORS AND IMPOSTERS

2 Timothy 3:5-9

February 27, 2022

AVOID PEOPLE WHO AVOID _____ ?

I. Empty religion must be _____. - v. 5

Empty religion must be avoided, so be _____
_____.

II. Empty religion will always have those who _____ it.
- v. 6-8

How deceptive teachers propagate empty religion:

1. By playing on _____.
2. By enticing with _____.
3. By manipulating the _____.
4. By opposing the truth with _____.

III. Empty religion _____ . – v. 9

How to discern authentic faith:

1. Examine your _____.
2. Examine your _____.
3. Examine everything _____.

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$6,525

This Month: \$22,343

Last Month: \$29, 562

Monthly Budget: \$29,810



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

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1. STUDY THE SCRIPTURE

Read 2 Timothy 3:5-9. What are the deceptive tactics used by these truth-deniers Paul highlighted and warned against? Why is it important to understand the reality of false believers in churches? What truth would these burdened women need to know that would free them from being overwhelmed by sin and susceptible to false teaching?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How might such influential deceivers creep their way into households today? What do you do to protect yourself and your household from influential deception? What would it look like to be “always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth”? What examples of this have you seen in your own salvation story?



Nathaniel mentioned three practical ways we can better discern and assess authentic faith. Where is an area in your life you feel needs to be strengthened? What is an area that you have seen the most growth in your spiritual walk?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Paul warns that deception will only grow until Jesus returns. As you are faced with deceptive teachers and false truths in your life, what do you need to do to better discern authentic faith and grow in your knowledge of truth and God's power?

