



**Good Morning
Welcome to Genesis!**

Our Text:

II Corinthians 11:1-15!

Our Title:

(How to Recognize a Man of God!)

Not All Ministers are Ministers of God!

Let's Review II Corinthian's!



- I. (1:1-2) Paul's **INTRODUCTION!**
- II. (1:3-13:10) Paul's **INSTRUCTION!**
 - A. (1:3-5:21) Paul's Commission.
 - B. (6:1-9:15) Paul's Converts.
 - C. (10:1-13:10) Paul's Critics.
- III. (13:11-14) Paul's Closing **ISSUES!**

An Overview of the Final Section!

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1. (10:1-18) His Personal APPEARANCE!

It was here that Paul let us know that he was well aware of how his critics viewed him. He understood that his unwillingness to demonstrate his apostolic power and God given authority before them caused them to question his calling as an apostle. He knew that many believed his commission was according to the flesh and not in obedience to the Spirit.

2. (11:1-12:13) His Proven APOSTLESHIP!

In order to convince his critics that his power was ordained by God and that his authority was also given by God, Paul will set before us several true marks (proofs) of his apostleship.

3. (12:14-13:10) His Passionate APPEAL!

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 - a. (11:1-15) Paul's Conduct.
 - b. (11:16-33) Paul's Concern.
 - c. (12:1-10) Paul's Calling.
 - d. (12:11-13) Paul's Conclusion.
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B. (Chaps.11-12) Paul's Proven **APOSTLESHIP!**

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1.) (vs.1-2) Paul's **folly.**

2.) (vs.3-4) Paul's **fear.**

3.) (vs.5-6) Paul's **facts.**

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c. (vs.12-15) They were so **Unguarded.**

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1.) (v.7) Paul **declares** his financial independence.

2.) (vs.8-9) Paul **demonstrates** his financial independence.

3.) (v.10) Paul **deliberates** on his financial independence.

4.) (v.11) Paul **defends** his financial independence.

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1.) (vs.12-13) Paul speaks against the **false** apostles.

2.) (vs.14-15) Paul speaks about the **fallen** angels.

The Journey Continues!

To be able to discern the truth from the false spiritual leaders is vital to a healthy church. To fail to exercise discernment is to open wide the door to Satan's savage wolves. Paul's warning is to beware!



Six Principles: How to Recognize the Godly Man!

- 1. He has a relationship with Jesus!***
- 2. He has an impact on the church!***
- 3. He has a compassion for people!***
- 4. He has a disdain for fleshly methods!***
- 5. He has great integrity!***
- 6. He has an abundance of humility!***

This Week: Not All Ministers are True Ministers!

False religions and false teachers have been around as long as there has been true religions and true teachers. Early in the first century, Jesus had to contend with the scribes and Pharisees, the original legalists. In this final section of the book we see that Paul also had to confront false teachers. And today, the battle still rages on!

SO BEWARE!

Help in Spotting False Teachers:

1. Questionable teachers substitute human traditions for divine revelation!

Matthew 15:2 – Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.

2. Questionable teachers build on externals that seem right, but internally they are far from God!

Matthew 15:7-9 – You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, this people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrine the precepts of men.

Help in Spotting False Teachers:

3. Questionable teachers offer teachings that defile and destroy!

Matthew 15:10-11– And after He called the multitude to Him, He said to them, hear and understand! Not what enters into the mouth defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.

4. Questionable teachers are lead by the blind!

Matthew 15:14 – Let them alone, Jesus said, they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.

When evaluating any religious organization, watch out for six blind spots!

1. **Authoritarianism** – The lack of a servants heart or grace!
2. **Exclusiveness** – Their way is the only way!
3. **Greed** – The need to manipulate to get money!
4. **Sensuality** – Sexual looseness or moral impurity!
5. **Unaccountability** – The desire to be secret or
to lack responsibility!
6. **Rationalism** – To be defensive when confronted, twisting
the Scriptures to support their lifestyle
and/or opinion!

How Do We Determine the Difference Between the Authentic and the Artificial?

II Corinthians 11:4-5!

*For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted,
BEWARE!*