

Watch Out, But Do Not Fear Romans 16:17-20

watch out

Acts 20:29-30 *I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.*

Watch out for people who bring:

1) _____

2) _____

Instead of just describing doctrine as false or true, the New Testament often describes it as _____ or _____
(1 Tim. 1:10, 6:3, 2 Tim. 1:3, 2 Tim. 4:3, Titus 1:9, Titus 2:1).

2 Timothy 4:3-4 *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

such people do not serve our Lord Christ

1) Motives

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 *For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.*

They are “interested in their own pleasure and ease, not in helping people know God.” (Moo, NIV Application Commentary, *Romans*, p.511)
“They are at heart idolaters, living to satisfy their own egos rather than for the glory of Jesus Christ.... Their religion is actually a camouflage for their self-promotion.” (Schreiner, *Romans*, 800, 803)

2) _____

but I want you to be wise as to what is good

Philippians 4:8 *whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.*

innocent as to what is evil.

Verse 20: Who are you, and who is your God?

Psalm 119:165 *Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.*

Isaiah 26:3 *You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.*

Genesis 3:15 *I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*

Psalm 37:12-13 *The wicked plots against the righteous and gnashes his teeth at him, but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that his day is coming.*

“Every stone that makes you stumble
and cuts you when you fall
Every serpent here that strikes your heel
to curse you when you crawl
The king of love one day will crush them all

“And every sad seduction and every clever lie
Every word that woos and wounds the pilgrim children of the sky
The king of love will break them by and by

“And you will rise up in the end.”

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