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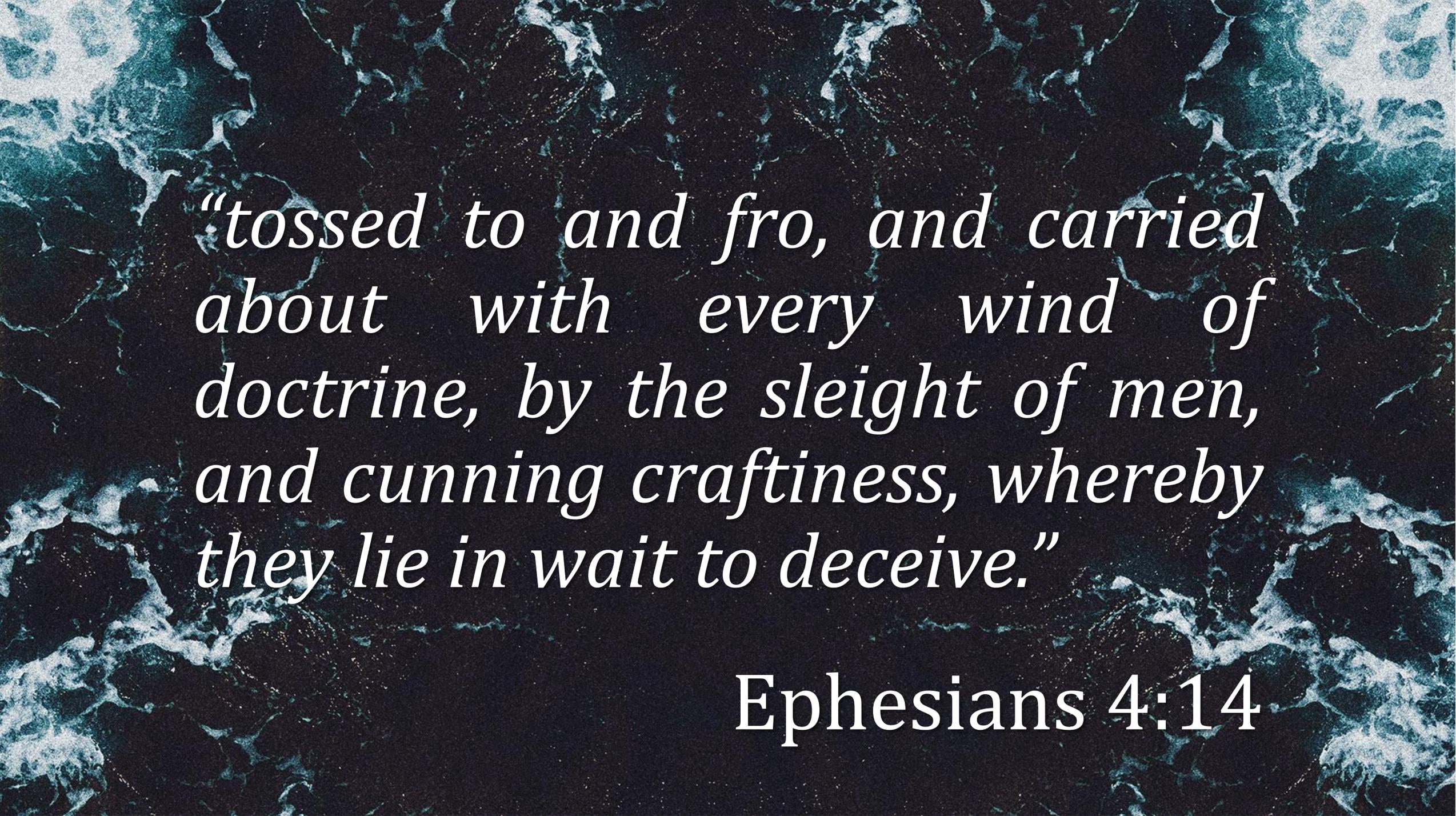
The Scoop on False Teaching

Matthew 7:15-20

An aerial photograph of a tropical beach. The top half of the image shows clear, turquoise water with visible coral reefs and sandy patches. Below the water is a wide, white sandy beach. The bottom half of the image is dominated by a dense, lush green forest of tropical trees and palm trees. The overall scene is bright and vibrant, suggesting a beautiful, serene coastal environment.

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Part 20



“tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.”

Ephesians 4:14

WARNING #1

**You better be careful
who you listen to.**

➤ *Look out for false teachers*



ACTS 20:28-31

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. Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish every one with tears.

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.

1 TIMOTHY 4:1-2

Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to seducing spirits and teachings of demons, through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared,

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.

2 PETER 2:1-3

But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

1 JOHN 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

WARNING #2

**Make sure you know the
difference between a
wolf & a sheep.**

➤ *You need to be able to discern
between true & false teachers.*

The Markings of Spiritual Wolf

1. A distorted doctrine (*especially about the gospel*)
 - 1 John 4:1-2; 1 Tim. 4:1; Jude 1:4 - Wolves distort the truth of Christ, leading people to destruction.

The Markings of Spiritual Wolf

2. A divisive spirit

- Acts 20:28-31 - Wolves distort the facts in order to draw people to their own agenda.
- 1 Tim. 6:3-5 - Wolves enjoy controversy and instigate strife, malicious talk and evil suspicions.

The Markings of Spiritual Wolf

3. A backdoor approach

- Acts 20:28-31; Jude 1:4 - Wolves never announce their destructive presence, but secretly attempt to sow discord in the body.

The Markings of Spiritual Wolf

4. A proud demeanor

- 1 Tim. 6:3-5 - Wolves are full of pride about their “superior understanding.” They are known for their unteachable spirit.

The Markings of Spiritual Wolf

5. A tendency to compromise critical truths

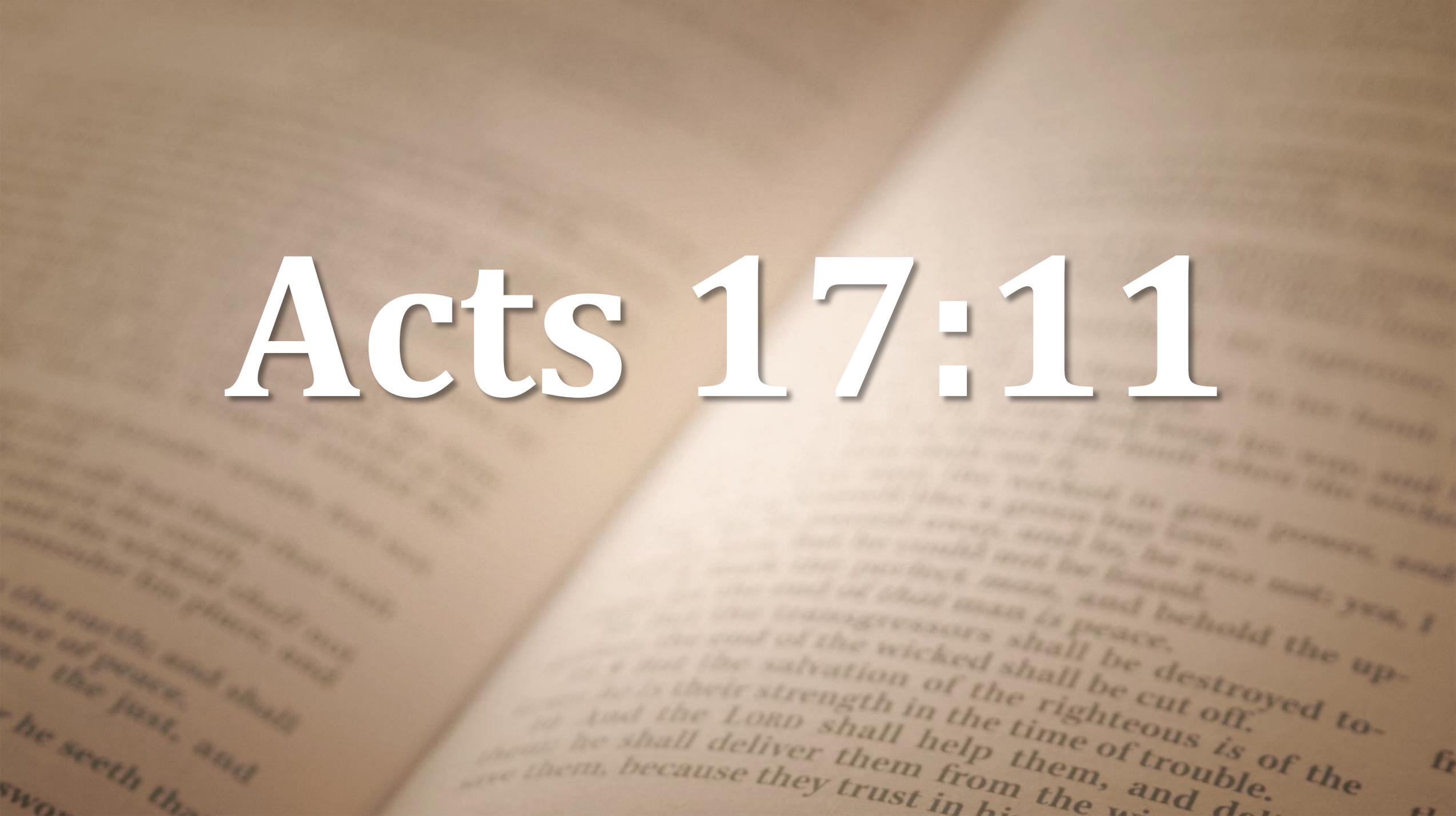
- 2 Tim 4:3-4 - Wolves compromise the challenging truths of Scripture to focus on more people-pleasing topics.
- 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 1 Tim. 4:1-2; 6-7 – Wolves focus on religious trivia & neglect the broad themes of God's Word.

The Markings of Spiritual Wolf

6. A appetite for worldly living

- 2 Peter 2:1-3; Jude 4, 10, 12-13 - Wolves reject the sacrifices of Godly living and are seduced by the pleasures of worldly appetites.

Acts 17:11



...the earth and shall
...of peace,
...the just, and
...he seeth the
...swor

...and behold the up-
...the wicked shall be destroyed to-
...the time of trouble.
...the LORD shall help them, and deli-
...them, because they trust in hi

The Markings of Genuine Sheep

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

Galatians 5:22-24

People cannot hide what they really are.

If you want to know the difference between true and false teachers, examine the fruit of their lives & ministries.

James 3:11-18



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- 1. You better be careful who you listen to.**
- 2. Make sure you know the difference between a wolf & a sheep.**

“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17