

## 2 Peter 2 • Characteristics of False Prophets & Teachers

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1. (v.1-3) **General** characteristics of false prophets/teachers:
  - a. They introduce destructive **heresies**. (v.1)
  - b. They deny the **Master**. (v.1)
  - c. They are **sensual** rather than **spiritual**. (v.2)
  - d. They malign the **truth**. (v.2)
  - e. They are **greedy** and **exploitative**. (v.3)
  
2. (v.4-16) **Specific** behaviors of false prophets/teachers:
  - a. They are “**daring**” meaning that they are reckless (v. 10)
  - b. They are “**self-willed**” (NT equivalent of OT “*iniquity*”; v. 10)
  - c. “...**revile** *angelic majesties*” and seem to have no qualms about doing so (v. 10)
  - d. Do not exercise good **reasoning** (v. 12)
  - e. Do things without **knowledge** (v. 12)
  - f. Revel in the **daytime** and count it as pleasure (v. 13)
  - g. They are **deceived** (v. 13)
  - h. They **carouse** with believers (v. 13)
  - i. They commit **adultery**, either openly or with their eyes (v. 14)
  - j. They never cease from **sin** (v. 14)
  - k. They gravitate toward **unstable** people (v. 14)
  - l. They have hearts shaped by years and years of **greed** (v. 14)
  - m. They forsake the right way and follow the way of **Balaam** (v. 15)
  
3. (v.17-22) The sum of their spiritual condition: They are again entangled in the defilements of the **world**, in a worse state than before they initially knew **Christ**.