



3 Signs Your Guru Has Gotten Off The Leash?

Standalone Sermon, Part 1 of 1

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I. When it comes to your guru, you are loud and proud.

1 Corinthians 1:10-12b & 1 Corinthians 3:4 (ESV), "I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas"...For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

1 Corinthians 1:13-15 (ESV), "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name."

1 Corinthians 3:5-7, 21a (ESV), "What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth...So let no one boast in men..."

II. Whatever your guru says, you take as gospel.

Matthew 23:8 and 10 (ESV), "But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers...Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 (ESV), "...Test everything; hold fast what is good."

1 John 4:1 (ESV), "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."

Galatians 1:8 (ESV), "But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

Acts 17:11 (NIV), “Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”

III. When your guru says jump, you say how high.

Luke 6:46 (ESV), “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

Romans 6:16a (ESV), “Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey?...”

1 John 3:17 (NET), “But whoever has the world’s possessions [a] and sees his fellow Christian in need and shuts off his compassion against him, how can the love of God reside in such a person?”

Romans 14:20a (ESV), “Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God.”

1 Corinthians 10:27a (ESV), “If one of the unbelievers invites you to dinner and you are disposed to go, eat whatever is set before you...”

Romans 12:16a (ESV), “Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly...”

Matthew 6:24a (ESV), “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other...”