HOW TO KEEP FROM BEING EXPLOITED BY FALSE TEACHERS UNDERSTANDING THE THREATS TO GROWING IN JESUS 2 Peter 2:1-3

- I. We must UNDERSTAND that FALSE TEACHERS WILL ARISE AMONG YOU: Just as false prophets arose among the people, false teaches will arise among you (1a)
- II. We must UNDERSTAND WHAT THEY WILL DO and WHAT AWAITS THEM FOR DOING SO: They will secretly bring in destructive heresies, exploiting you with false words, thus bringing imminent destruction upon themselves (1b, 3)
 - A. Through false words they will secretly introduce error, lesson, and twist the Scriptures (1b, 3, 18, 3:3-4, 3:16)
 - B. Their actions bring imminent destruction upon themselves (1b)
- III. We must UNDERSTAND WHAT THEIR EFFECT WILL BE: Many will follow their way and God's way will be maligned (2)
 - A. Many will imitate their lustful indulgence (2a)
 - B. The way of truth will be maligned (2b)
- IV. We must UNDERSTAND WHY THEY DO WHAT THEY DO: They are driven by their accursed greedy hearts and exploiting you is their trade (3a)
- V. We must KNOW THEY ARE NOT GETTING AWAY WITH IT: Their Judgment and destruction is sure (3b)