NOTES TRUE & FALSE CONVERSION

This message explains why there are so many divorces, alcohol, drug, and abortion problems within the Church today. Are our churches really filled with true believers? This teaching is foundational, and goes hand-in-hand with Hell's Best Kept Secret. It is very important that you understand it, as it will have a great bearing on how you spend your time, and how you share the principles of God's Word. If you have ever wondered why so much of the Church looks and acts just like the world, you will love this teaching.

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TRUE & FALSE CONVERSION QUIZ

1. What damage can be done by a	nristian who doesn't understand that there is such a thing as a faise conversi
2. What did Jesus say to His discipl	s when they questioned Him about the Parable of the Sower?
2. In the Parable of the Sower wha	are the six characteristics of a false convert?
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-	on the sixth characteristic of a false convert?
5. What are the five fruits of a true of	
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6. What are the three things that ha	pen here on earth to expose false converts?

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7. When will the false cor	overt ultimately be expose	ed?		
8. Name some parables t	hat Jesus told that speak	of true and false conv	versions.	
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9. How can we, as evang	elistic Christians, make s	ure we are not respon	sible for bringing false conve	erts into the Church?
BONUS: What "false" per	son does each verse wa	rn us about:		
Matthew 7:15				
Mark 13:22				
2 Corinthians 11:13				
Galatians 2:4				
2 Peter 2:1				

TRUE & FALSE CONVERSION QUIZ ANSWERS

- 1. The damage that can be done by a Christian who doesn't understand that there is such a thing as a false conversion is devastating. If we lack understanding that those who fail to repent, are strangers to conversion, we are liable to think that simply praying a sinner's prayer, or responding to an altar call gets someone saved.
- 2. Jesus said to His disciples when they questioned Him about the Parable of the Sower, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all parables?" (Mark 4:13). In other words, the Parable of the Sower is the key to unlocking the mysteries of all the other parables.
- 3. In the Parable of the Sower, what are the six characteristics of a false convert?
 - 1. Immediate results (Mark 4:5)
 - 2. Lack of moisture (Luke 8:6)
 - 3. No root (Matthew 13:6)

- 4. Receive the word with gladness (Mark 4:16)
- 5. Receive the word with joy (Matthew 13:20)
- 6. They do "believe" for a season (Luke 8:13)
- 4. James 2:19 says, "You believe that there is one God; you do well: the devils also believe, and tremble." This verse reveals that mere belief when not accompanied by repentance (Luke 13:3) and placing one's faith in Christ (Acts 20:21) is not sufficient for salvation.
- 5. What are the five fruits of a true convert?
 - 1. Fruit of Repentance (Matthew 3:8)
 - 2. Fruit of Thanksgiving (Hebrews 13:15)
 - 3. Fruit of Good Works (Colossians 1:10)
- 4. Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- 5. Fruit of Righteousness (Philippians 1:11)

- 6. Tribulation, temptation, and persecution.
- 7. The false convert will be exposed as a hypocrite on Judgment Day -- the wheat and the tares, etc., will be separated.
- 8. Some parables that Jesus told that speak of true and false conversions are: The Wheat and Tares (true and false), the good fish and bad fish (true and false) the Foolish Virgins and the Wise (true and false), and the Sheep and Goats (true and false).
- 9. We can make sure we are not responsible for bringing false converts into the Church by making it paramount to preach biblically. That means using the Law to bring a knowledge of sin. It means mentioning Judgment Day, not casually, but impressing upon the mind of our hearer that he must face a holy God and answer for every sin he has committed against Him. It also means preaching the Cross and the necessity of repentance. We should shy away from modern methods where emotions are stirred in an effort to get decisions. We may rejoice over decisions, but Heaven reserves its rejoicing for repentance.

BONUS ANSWER: What "false" person does this verse warn us about:

Matthew 7:15	False Prophets
Mark 13:22	False Christs
2 Corinthians 11:13	False Apostles
Galatians 2:4	False Brethern
2 Peter 2:1	False Teachers