

Listen Carefully

“Take heed what you hear....”

Mark 4:24



I. Think!

Read to Understand

(Ep. 5:3; II Tim. 2:15)

Have Ears to Hear

(Zech. 7:11-12; Mt. 13:15)



I. Think!

Through Difficult Passages

(Jn. 6; Lk. 8:18; Mk. 4:24)

Establish Personal Knowledge

(II Tim. 2:15)



II. Test!

Be Critical

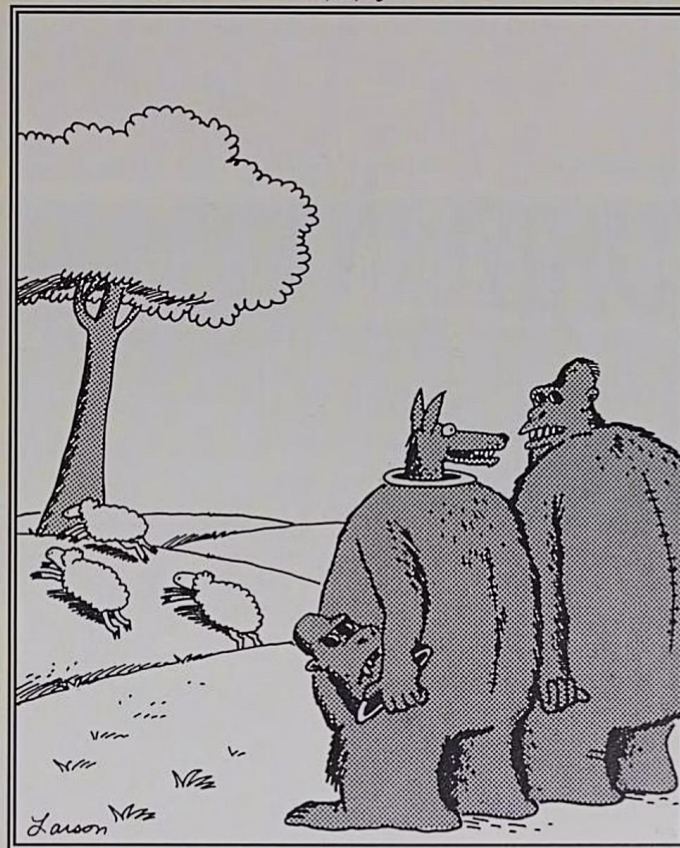
(I Jn. 4:1; Ep. 3:3-5; Ac. 17:11)

Don't Trust the Uninspired

(II Tim. 3:13; Jer. 8;

Mt. 7:15; II Cor. 11:13-15)





"Hey! I think you've hit on something there!
Sheep's clothing! Sheep's clothing! ...
Let's get out of these gorilla suits!"

II. Test!

Why Would Anyone Believe That?

1. They Don't Know the Truth
2. It Sounds Good (*II Ti. 4:3-4*)
3. They Like the Teacher (*Ac. 20:30*)



III. Red Flags

1. Intellectual Arrogance
(*Ep. 3:3-5; Rm. 16:26; Col. 2:8-10*)
2. Negative Towards Authority
(*II Pe. 2:10, 19; I Ti. 2:1-2, Jd. 6*)
3. Self Promotion
(*II Pe. 2:15; I Ti. 1:6-7*)
4. Performative Preaching
(*Jd. 16, I Cor. 14:9; Jn. 3:29-30*)



III. Red Flags

5. Willful Forgetfulness

(II Pe. 3:5)

6. Immorality

*(Jd. 7; I Jn. 2:4-6, 3:7, 10;
II Pe. 2:18-19)*

7. Negative Towards Brethren

(Jd. 19; I Jn. 2:10-11)

8. False Doctrine

(II Tim. 2:17)



IV. What to Do

1. Avoid (*II Jn. 10-11; II Tim. 2:16-17*)
2. Contend (*Jd 4*)
3. Apply (*II Tim. 2:15*)



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