

True Followers Of Christ Have Grateful Hearts!

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How To Recognize Counterfeit Miracles:

Matthew 12:39, *But He answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah."*

2 Peter 1:19, *And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place.*

Mathew 7:16, *You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?*

Two Tests Of A False Prophet:

CHARACTER TEST - Do they exhibit the Christ like qualifications to be a messenger from God? (1 Timothy 3:1-13)

TEACHING TEST - Does their teaching agree with God's Word? (2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16 - 17; Hebrews 4:12)

Thoughts On Jesus' Miracles:

- ***Jesus could and did heal every kind of sickness or infirmity but He did not heal everyone.***
- ***The details of each miracle vary slightly - Jesus never healed the same way twice.***

- ***Jesus' miracles were never more important than His message!***

Leviticus 13:45, *"The leprous person who has the disease shall wear torn clothes and let the hair of his head hang loose, and he shall cover his upper lip and cry out, 'Unclean, unclean.'"⁴⁶He shall remain unclean as long as he has the disease. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.*

Jesus Heals Ten Lepers:

Luke 17:11, *On the way to Jerusalem He was passing along between Samaria and Galilee.¹²And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us."¹⁴When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed.¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan.¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?"¹⁹And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."*

Lessons From The Lepers:

- ***Our best ministry happens outside the walls of the church!***
- ***Jesus always pointed people back to the house of worship!***
- ***True healing only comes through faith & obedience!***
- ***Sometimes healing is a process!***
- ***Those who have been truly touched by Christ can help by living a life of gratefulness!***

Luke 5:30, *And the Pharisees and their scribes grumbled at His disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"³¹And Jesus answered them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.³²I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."*