



"False Apostles"
Be Encouraged series
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[2 Corinthians 1:4 \(NLT\)](#)

4 He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

[2 Corinthians 8:5 \(NLT\)](#)

5 They even did more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

[2 Corinthians 11:1-4; 12-15 \(NLT\)](#)

1 I hope you will put up with a little more of my foolishness. Please bear with me. **2** For I am jealous for you with the jealousy of God himself. I promised you as a pure bride to one husband—Christ. **3** But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. **4** You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.

12 But I will continue doing what I have always done. This will undercut those who are looking for an opportunity to boast that their work is just like ours. **13** These people are false apostles. They are deceitful workers who disguise themselves as apostles of Christ. **14** But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. **15** So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

PICTURE #1: A Jealous father of the Bride

Take Away Truth: God is jealous for you

"But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted..."
[2 Corinthians 11:3a \(NLT\)](#)

PICTURE #2: Eve deceived

[2 Corinthians 11:3 \(NLT\)](#)

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- 1) Satan Questions God's Word
- 2) Satan Changes God's Word
- 3) Satan Denies God's Word
- 4) Satan Replaces God's Word

Take Away Truth: I must guard against false teaching

PICTURE #3: A Masked Man

[2 Corinthians 11:14-15 \(NLT\)](#)

14 But I am not surprised! Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. **15** So it is no wonder that his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. In the end they will get the punishment their wicked deeds deserve.

Take Away Truth: I must recognize authentic teachers of God's Word

- *Are they biblical?
- *Are they deeply in love with Jesus?
- *Are they Fruit Bearers?