"Jesus did not draw lines." (Andy Stanley)

Andy Stanley lied. This startling statement came from one who previously stated that no one needs any part of the Bible except the gospels.

Well, the gospels provide abundant evidence that Jesus did indeed draw lines. Yes, he preached to all groups of people: Jews, Gentiles, rich, famous, poor, unknown, and vile sinners. That did not matter to Jesus.

However, one thing prominently marked his ministry: Jesus drew lines. He never, ever, compromised with sin in any form. Nor did Jesus ever explain away nor excuse sin. He always, always, always confronted sin whether to an individual or to a group of people. He even challenged his appointed disciples for their sins. No one escaped his wrath against sin.

Yes, Jesus drew lines against sin. To recite every incident where he did would fill volumes, in essence the whole gospel record. I compiled a list of 13 situations when Jesus drew lines against sinners and their sins.

13 Times Jesus Drew Lines

Here's the list, in no particular order, including scripture references.

- The woman taken in adultery (John 8.1-11);
- The scribes and pharisees (Matthew 23.1-39);
- The man at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5.1-14);
- The man with an epileptic son (Mark 9.14-29);
- The Samaritan woman the well (John 4.1-26);
- The man with palsy let down through roof (Mark 2.1-12);
- The disciples of Christ (one of many instances) (Mark 4.35-41);
- The rich, young man (Mark 10.17-22);
- The cleansing of the Temple by Jesus (More than once) (Matthew 21.12-13);
- The time with Peter (more than one time with Peter) (Matthew 16.21-23);
- The correction of John the Baptist (Matthew 11.1-6);
- The scribes and the pharisees, again (Matthew 21.33-46); and
- The multitudes (John 6.22-66)

This example from Andy Stanley provides an excellent opportunity to identify him as a false prophet. Jesus warned that false prophets would come and gave directions on how to recognize them.

In Matthew 7.15-20, Jesus gave an easy-to-understand description of the false prophet. He used a common example of fruit. Grapes do not grow on thorn bushes. Figs do not grow on thistles. Further, good trees bring forth good fruit; a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit.

Then Jesus made a clear statement:

"A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit." (Matthew 7.18)

Jesus gave this simple test to help us identify false prophets:

"Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." (Matthew 7.20)

Make no mistake. The evil fruit that Andy Stanley brought forth in his deception of Jesus did not come from a good tree. It came from a corrupt tree. Therefore, I can safely declare him a false prophet. Further, this latest evidence confirms earlier proofs of his falsity.

In the context of Jesus' teaching on false prophets, he further declared that these false ones would do wonderful works. But he also warned us not to fall prey to these unusual displays. They are ravening wolves in sheep's clothing, workers of iniquity. (Matthew 7.15-23)

Andy Stanley does not stand alone as a false prophet. In fact, many of them exist within the professing Church of Jesus Christ, including those who rush to defend and clarify his statements. They may even populate leaders whom you admire and others authenticate.

The Bible provides ample teaching on how to spot these Jesus frauds. As part of a previous research project, I searched both Old Testament and New Testament to find indications that will help discern them and reject them. I compiled the research into a free ebook: *False Prophets: Their Shameless, Insidious Conspiracy.* You can access it at this <u>link</u>. No strings attached to this offer.

Reject Andy Stanley as a false prophet. Further, I pray that God will use this warning to encourage you to identify and reject false prophets.