

The Second Epistle of Peter
Beware of False Teachers (2)
2 Peter 2:1-3
Part 16

I. They are Cunning: Their M.O. v.1,3,18

1. *They are cunningly chameleon-like.*

2. *They are cunning in their teaching.*

Cf. Gal.1:6-9; Titus 1:16

“These false teachers are described according to their profession and the judgment of charity. They gave themselves out as redeemed men and were so accounted in the judgment of the church while they abode in her communion.” George Smeaton
“Peter is not saying Christians can lose their salvation but is describing false teachers in terms of their own profession of faith (2:20,21). By teaching and practicing immorality they despise the lordship of Christ and prove their profession to be false.” New Geneva Study Bible

3. *They are cunning in exploiting others.*

Cf. Matt.23:6,7,14,15; 2 Cor.2:17; 3 Jn.1:9,10

4. *They are cunning in enticing others.*

“It is not strange to see that the most dangerous heretics have many followers every error being a friend of lust.”
Alexander Nesbitt

II. They are Covetous: Their Motives. vv.3,14

III. They are Corrupting: Their Impact. vv.1,2

Cf. Matt.7:15; 24:5; 2 Cor.11:14,15; Jude 4