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2. False teaching defines God by **HUMAN** terms, designing a god people crave.
3. *“As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to **TEACH** any different doctrine.”* 1 Timothy 1:3
4. The first marker of a **FALSE** teacher is that they teach a *“different doctrine”*. A “different doctrine” is anything that contradicts God’s word as revealed in the Bible.
5. Our best **WEAPON** against false teaching is the *“sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”* Ephesians 6:17
6. When examined and compared to the sound teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, false teaching rationalizes **SIN**.
7. Paul says a false teacher is *“puffed up with **CONCEIT** and understands nothing”*. 1 Timothy 6:4
8. So, just as false teaching fails to teach God’s truth and fails to produce holiness in people’s lives, it also fails to produce **UNITY**.
9. *“For the **MIND** that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”* Romans 8:7-8
10. Unlike Paul who said, *“I covet no one’s silver or gold or apparel,”* false teachers seek their own **GAIN**. Acts 20:33
11. *“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **STAND** against the schemes of the devil.”*  
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