

## What Do They Deliver? > 2 Peter 2:17-22

**2:17** *Promising much but delivering nothing.* Peter's verdict on the false teachers and their way of life? Their ways do not lead to faithfulness or lives changed by the gospel.

**2:18-19** *Look at their method.* The strategies used by these false teachers: they entice with sex, power, and money; not with holiness or truth. They specifically seek out those weak in the faith and prey upon them.

**2:20** *Look at their fatal flaw.* The lives of these false teachers offering nothing worth following: they are taking the good knowledge of Christ and intentionally rejecting it.

**2:21-22** *Look at their nature.* All said and done, the corrupt nature of these false teachers is unchanged. They are not transformed by the gospel. What they promise cannot be delivered upon because they have nothing lasting to offer.

**Background:** Peter has addressed the problems of false teachers and their ways, now he clarifies the specific dangers.

**The Point:** The very lives of these false teachers do nothing to commend their teachings as being worth following.

**Head:** Understand that knowledge, if not put into practice, can be a very dangerous thing.

**Heart:** Believe that Christ's ways are best. You need not look for something "new" or "improved."

**Hands:** How will you be an example of Christ's truth?

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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