Gaslight: Disinformation

1. Jesus told us that in the end times His message of pure truth would be ______ by corrupted self-declared prophets who pretend to speak for God.

¹⁵ "Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really *vicious wolves*.

¹⁶You can identify them by their *fruit*, that is, by the way they act. Can you pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

¹⁷A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit.

¹⁸ A good tree can't produce bad fruit, and a bad tree can't produce good fruit. ¹⁹ So every tree that does not produce good fruit is chopped down and thrown into the fire.

²⁰Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. (Matt 7:15-20 NLT)

2. The good churches are where Satan sends his most

_ to try to derail the Gospel going out.

²⁶ I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it's not my fault,

²⁷ for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

²⁸ "So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders.

²⁹ I know that *false teachers, like vicious wolves*, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock.

³⁰ Even some men *from your own group* will rise up and *distort the truth* in order to draw a following. (Acts 20:26-30 NLT)

3. Passion for a false version of the truth and great skill as a teacher or speaker does not ______ the Gospel truth.

"What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you cross land and sea to make one convert, and then you turn that person *into twice the child of hell* you yourselves are! (Matt 23:15 NLT)

for I can testify to their zeal for God. But it is not based on correct understanding; (Romans 10:2 CJB)