

The Subversive Jesus: Presumption

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“Evildoers”:

- “you who break God’s laws” (NLT)
- “you who act wickedly (disregarding my commands)” (AMP)

“I never knew you”

- Matthew 25:1-12 The Parable of the Ten Virgins
- Luke 13:22-27 The Narrow Door

Evidences of Faith:

- Galatians 5:22-26: The fruit of the Spirit
- John 13:35: “By this all men will know that you are my disciples...”

Obedience:

- 1 John 5:3 “This is love for God: to obey his commands...”
- John 14:23 “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching...”
- Hebrews 5:8-9 “...he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him”

Does the will of my Father. Jesus emphatically taught that carrying out the will of his heavenly Father was a condition of entering the kingdom of heaven. However, this does not mean that we can gain or merit salvation by our own efforts or works alone. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Many will say...Lord, Lord. Church leaders (or any disciple) must be totally committed to the truth and the righteousness revealed in God’s Word and not consider “ministerial success” as the standard by which to judge their relationship with God.

I never knew you.

1. Scripture teaches that fervent gospel preaching, an apparent zeal for righteousness and the working of miracles can be performed in this age under the influence and power of Satan (2 Corinthians 15:11-12).
2. God does not endorse any unrighteous preacher of the gospel, but he will endorse Biblical truth and those who accept it in faith. (Philippians 1:15-18)

*from the *Full Life Study Bible* commentary by Donald C. Stamps

“Although these people prophesied and cast out demons and did “many mighty works” in Jesus’ name, the ability to do such works did not guarantee that they were Christians. Jesus says, ‘I never knew you.’ He does not say, ‘I knew you at one time but I no longer know you,’ nor ‘I knew you at one time but you strayed away from me’, but rather, ‘I *never* knew you.’ They never were genuine believers”.

Grudem parallels the parable of the sower (Mark 4) and the parable of Jesus as the vine (John 15:1-7) with this passage.

“The branches that do not bear fruit. Here in John 15 the branches that do not bear fruit, though they are in some way connected to Jesus and give an outward appearance of being genuine branches, nonetheless give indication of their true state by the fact that they bear no fruit. This is similarly indicated by the fact that the person “does not abide” in Christ (John 15:6) and is cast off as a branch and withers.”

*from *Systematic Theology* by Wayne Grudem