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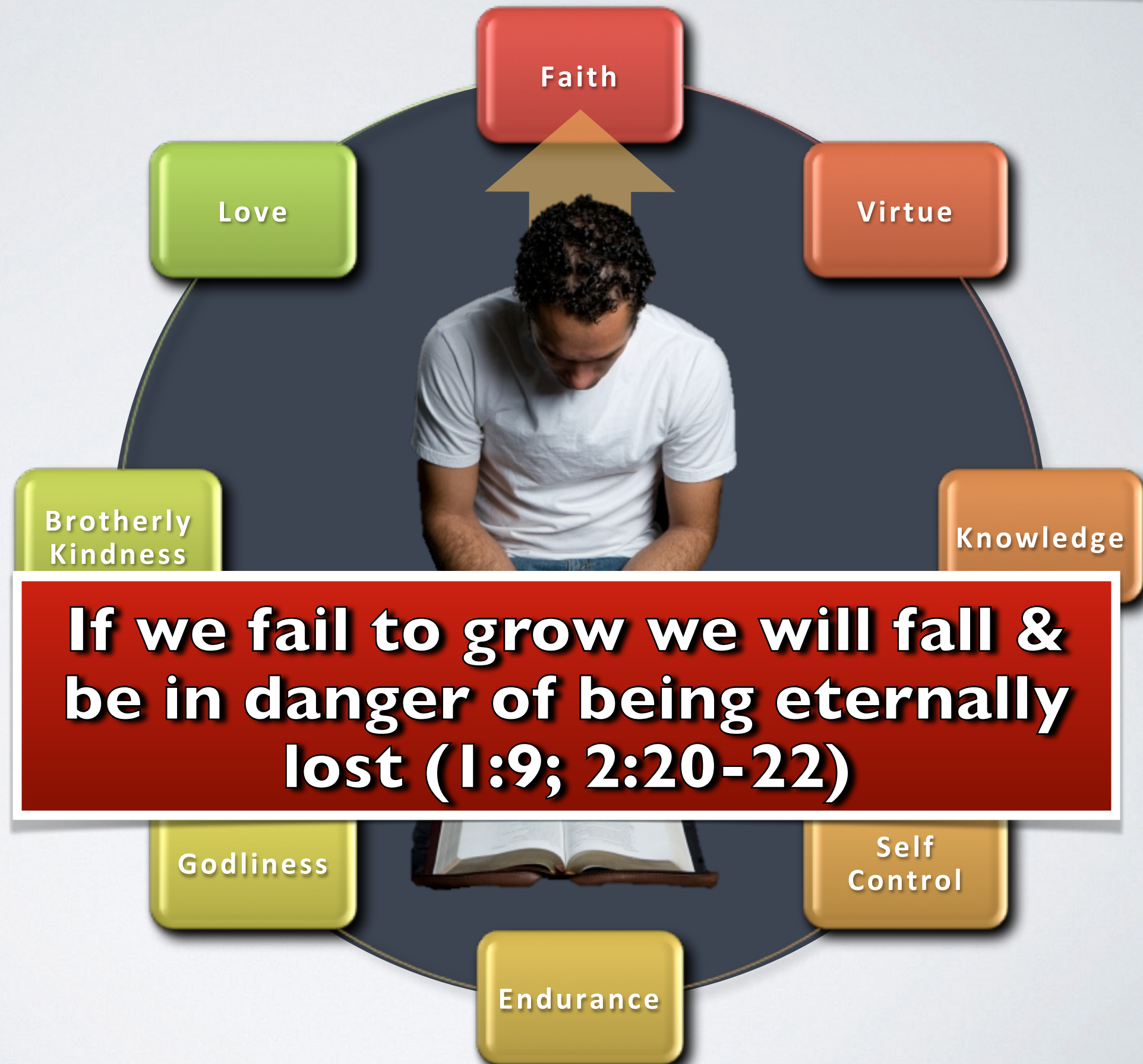
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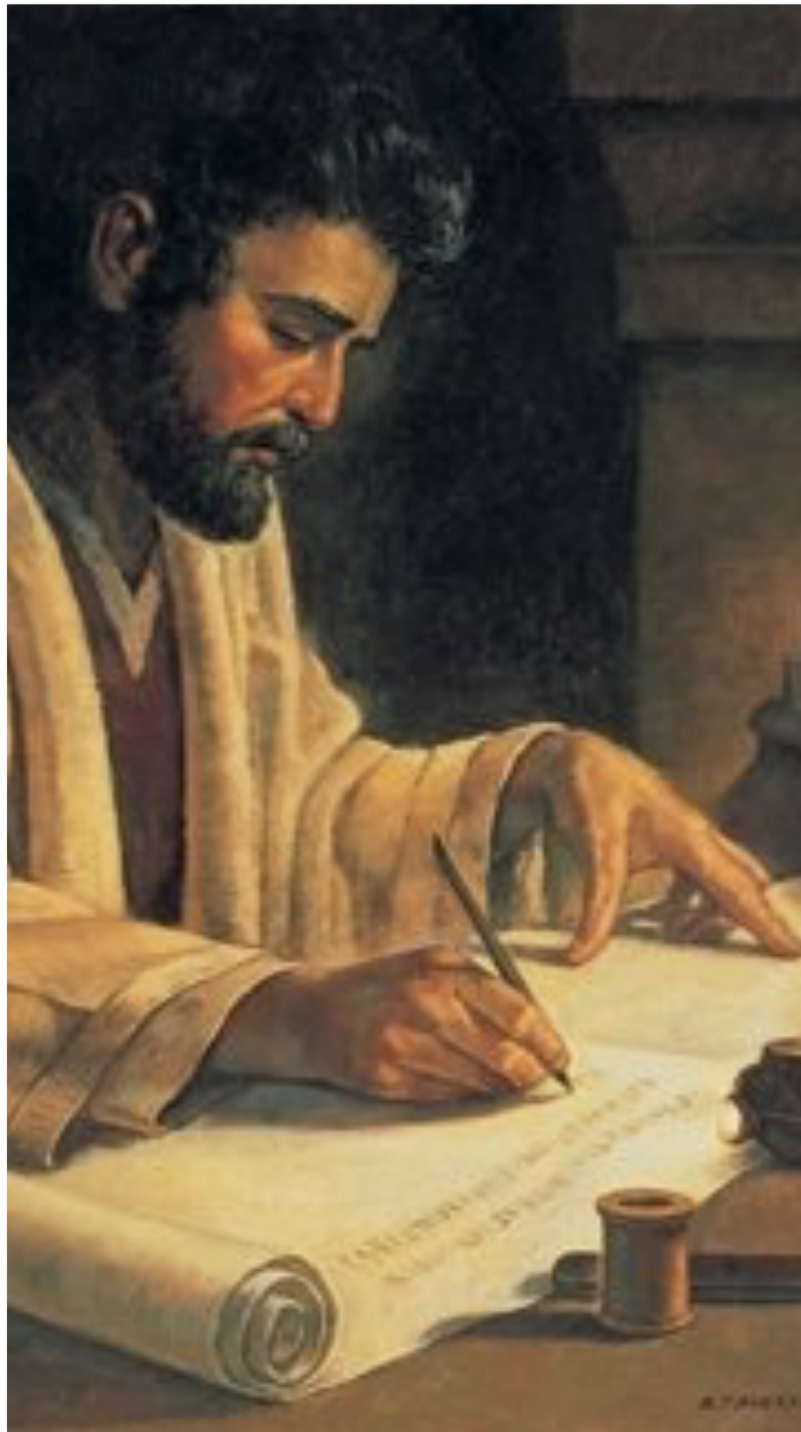
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## IN OUR LAST TWO LESSONS (2:1-3)



- ❖ False teachers will exist: **“there were also false prophets among the people”** (2:1)
- ❖ False teachers will HAVE ‘SUCCESS’: **“And many will follow their destructive ways”** (2:2)
- ❖ False teachers will Be DESTROYED: **“their destruction does not slumber”** (2:3)
- ❖ The destruction of false teachers is CERTAIN — Peter gives three historical proofs (2:4-11)



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## 2 Peter 2:10–17 (NKJV)

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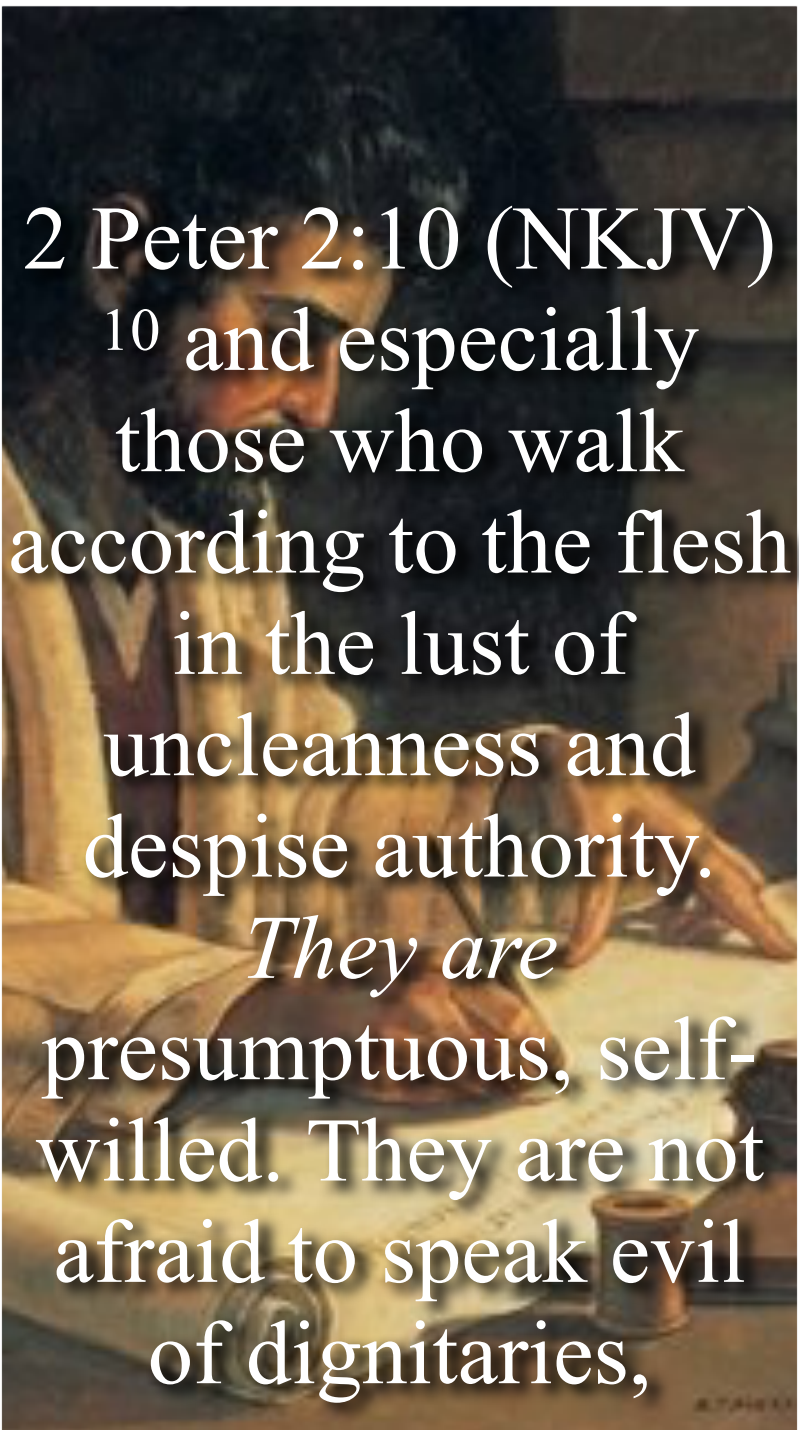
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<sup>15</sup> They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the *son* of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; <sup>16</sup> but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man's voice restrained the madness of the prophet. <sup>17</sup> These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.



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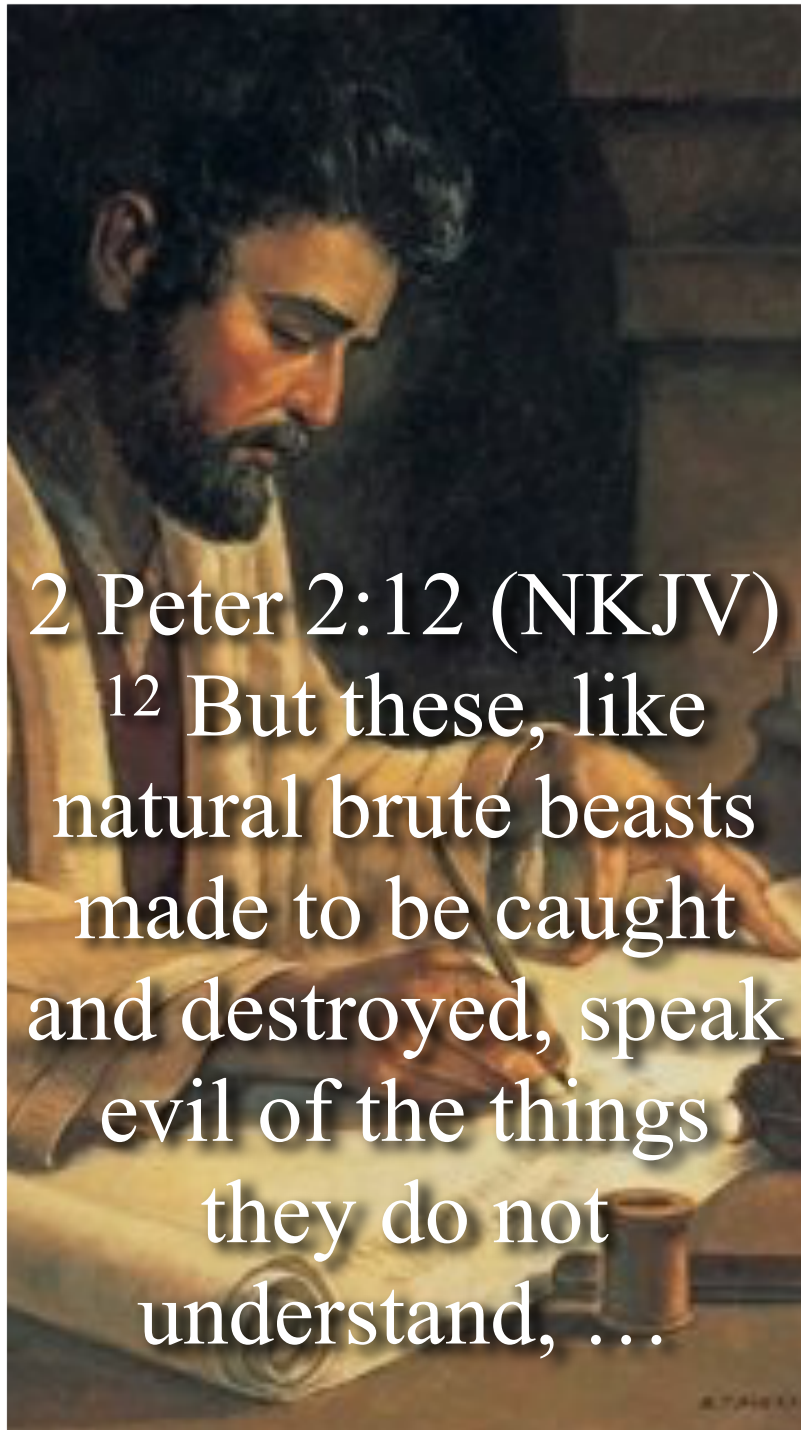
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- ◆ **“Walk according to the flesh”** (2:10-14)
  - Their daily walk of life is to follow after sensual and debase appetites.
  - **“despise authority”** — They do not appreciate the principles of authority & submission - They feel no need to submit to those over them (cf. 1Pe 2:13-17)
  - **“Presumptuous and Self-willed”** - They are daring and arrogantly stubborn, doing whatever they want to do
  - **“not afraid to speak evil of dignitaries”** – Lit. “glories” - angelic beings? human authorities? Points to pride (cf. Jude 8)



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❖ **“Walk according to the flesh” (2:10-14)**

■ **“speak evil of the things they do not understand”** – They are so arrogant that they deride and speak badly of things that they are truly ignorant and do not know thus rejecting the truth and accepting only what they know naturally (cf. Jude 10; Mat. 12:24)

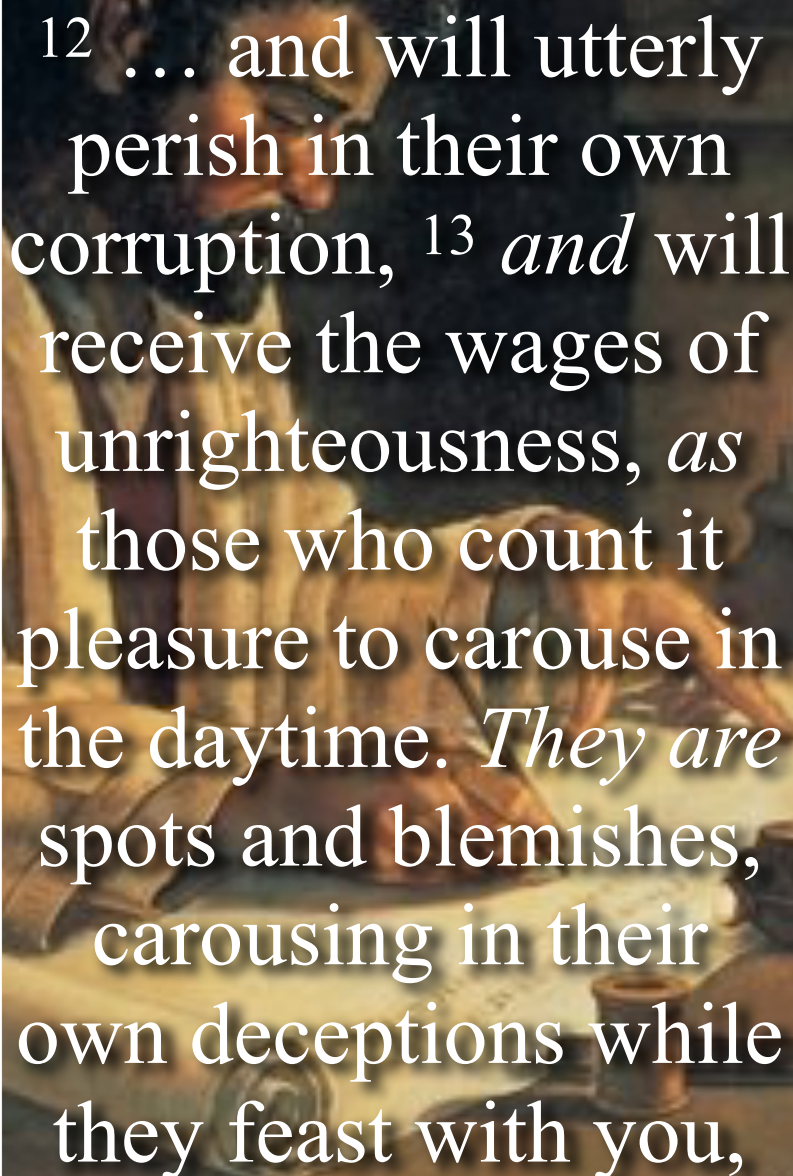
■ **Understand as brute beasts** — They are in many ways no better than animals in their desire to fulfill their fleshly desires, but are in fact much worse off, because they should know better (Jude 10)



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❖ **“Walk according to the flesh” (2:10-14)**

■ **“And will utterly perish in their own corruption”** – With such arrogance and evil speaking, they corrupt themselves! (Jude 10; Pr. 14:32; Jno. 8:21; Ga. 6:8)

■ **“will receive the wages of unrighteousness”** — God will give them what they deserve - the just payment for wickedness (Is. 3:11; Ro. 2:8, 9; Gal. 6:7; Phi. 3:19; He. 2:2, 3; Jude 12)

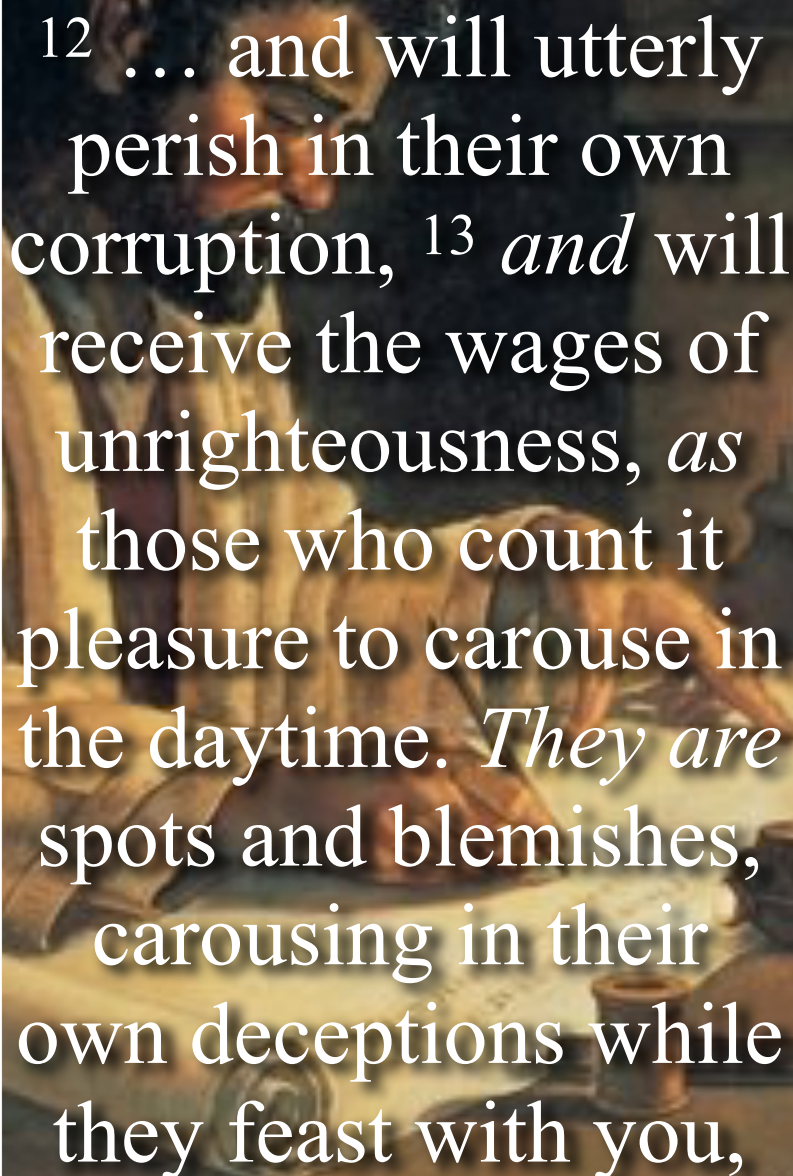
■ **“who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime”** — extreme indulgence in sensual pleasures; no shame (Jer. 6:15)



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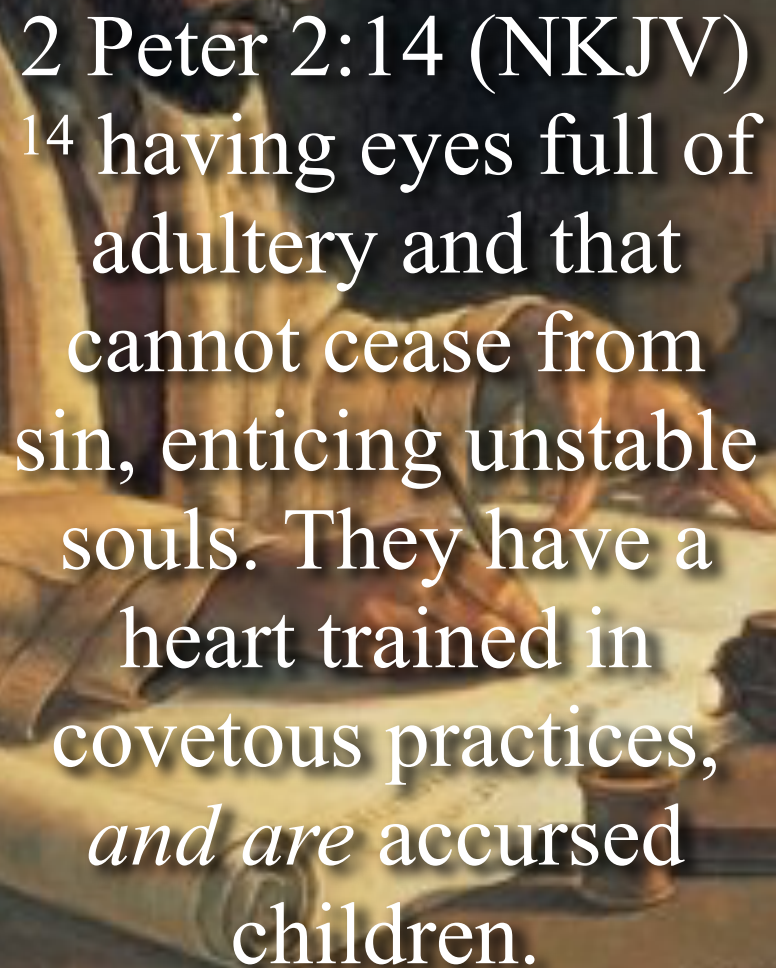
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- ◆ **“Walk according to the flesh”** (2:10-14)
  - **“*They are spots and blemishes*”** stained with sin & negatively affecting those tolerating their practices — (Rev. 2:14-16,20) (The negatives of the two terms spots and blemishes occur in 1 Peter 1:19 - without blemish and without spot)
  - **“carousing in their own deceptions”** – While deceiving others, they themselves are deceived (Jer. 23:26; 2 Thes. 2:9–11)
  - **“while they feast with you”** — They take advantage of gatherings with Christians (Jude 12; Jer. 23:11; cf. 1 Cor. 5)



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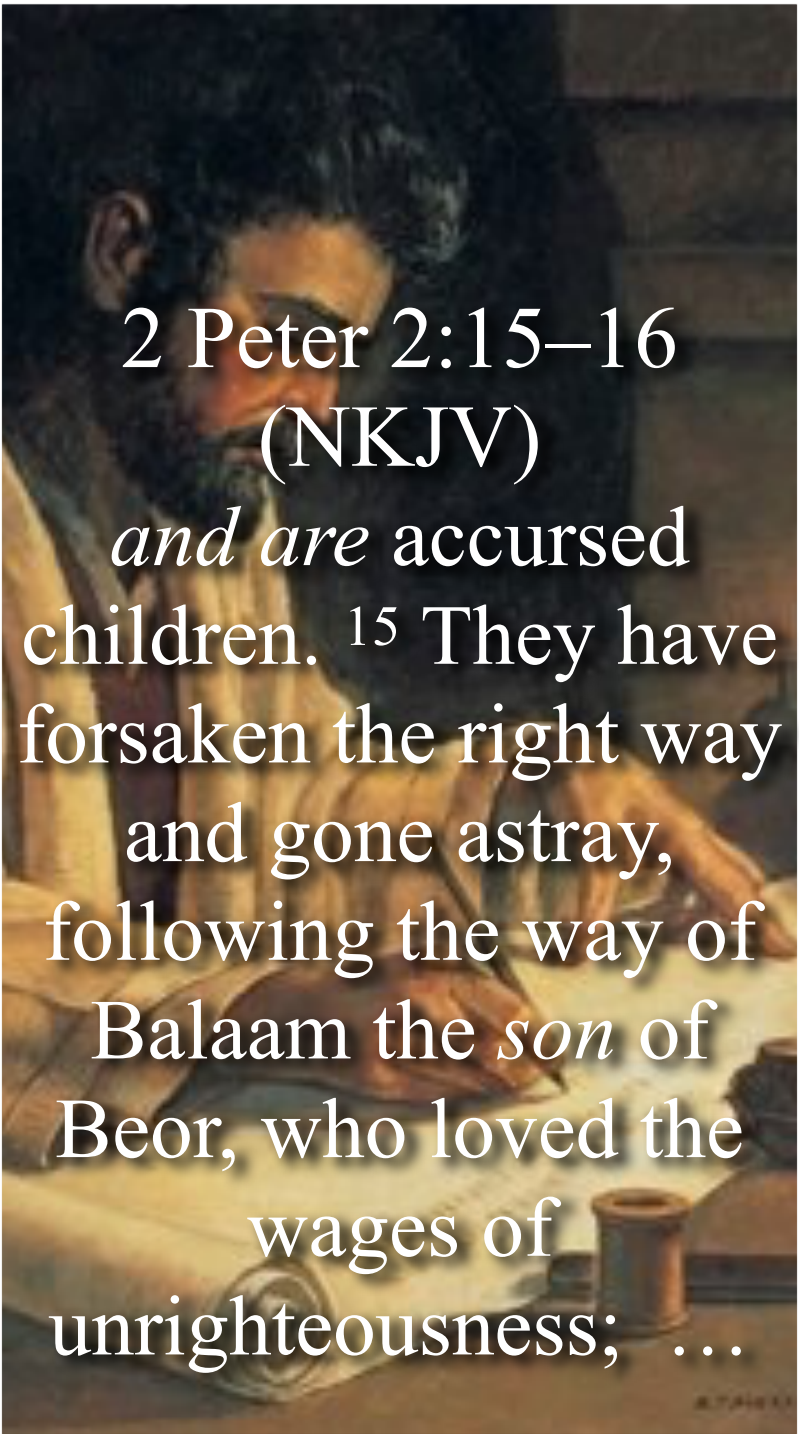
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- ❖ **“Walk according to the flesh”** (2:10-14)
  - **“having eyes full of adultery** Literally or metaphorically (cf. Mt 5:28; James 4:4)
  - **“and that cannot cease from sin,”** Their doctrine and practice gave them no escape from sin (James 4:4; 2 Tim 3:1-9)
  - **“enticing unstable souls”** – deceiving and seducing those unstable into receiving their error, taking advantage of the immature (Ep. 4:14; Col. 2:18)
  - **“They have a heart trained in covetous practices”** — They are skilled in getting the fleshly desires they crave! (Ep. 4:14)



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❖ **“and are accursed children”** (2:15-17)

■ **“They have forsaken the right way and gone astray”** - these “false teachers” were erring Christians (2:1)

■ **“following the way of Balaam the son of Beor”** Jude adds *Gone the way of Cain, Run greedily in the error of Balaam, and Perished in the rebellion of Korah*“ (Jude 11; Gen. 4:1-24; Numbers 22-24; 16:1-35)

■ **“who loved the wages of unrighteousness”** – refers to the momentary compensation of sin (money, fulfillment of fleshly desires)



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◆ **“and are accursed children” (2:15-17)**

■ **“These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest,” —**  
They may sound good - look good - make appealing promises - but they CANNOT deliver! Every false teacher makes false promises that will not be realized by those deceived by them!

■ **“for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever”** - I.e., the same judgment given to the angels who sinned (cf. 2 Pe 2:4; Mat 25:41,46)



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- ◆ Next we will see the end of those who are deceived by the false teacher (2:18-22)
- ◆ We too will receive a reward according to our works. (Heb. 2:1-3; Rom. 2:8-11; Jude 14-15)
- ◆ The Way of error and sin is the way of Eternal Regret. - (Gen. 4:13-14; Luke 16:19-31; 2 Pet 2:20-22)



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## HOW CAN WE SPOT A FALSE TEACHER?



### ◆ If They:

- Minimize the Need for Authority
- Depend on human wisdom
- Minimize the need to OBEY God
- Teach that God's love & grace permits a continuance in sin
- Reject examination

### ◆ If WE Know & Grow in the Truth! (3:18,19)









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## **Jude 5–7 (NKJV)**

<sup>5</sup> But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed those who did not believe. <sup>6</sup> And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day; <sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.