



"And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also." 1 John 4: 21

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Heart to Heart...

The way the apostle Paul used the word "*peddler*" in II Corinthians 2:17, apparently they didn't have a real strong reputation. They were more known for 'misrepresentation' in order to advance the wares they were selling. They were sincere but they cheated people in their '*peddling*.' Sincerity was not high on their list. These '*peddlers*' were prepared to say anything to make a sale!

Too many today are willing to say almost anything to find favor in the eyes of others and if it will profit them. From our pulpits there is little Scripture while others simply find stories and ideas that are attracting attention. In many places worship has turned out nothing but concert and entertainment while God gets pushed out of the picture and the death of Jesus is just words.

"For we are not like many, peddling the word of God, but as from sincerity, but as from God, we speak in Christ in the sight of God." (II Corinthians 2:17)

There are many '*peddlers*' around us. They love attention, money and even holding to a form of godliness while denying the power (II Timothy 3:5). Paul calls them corrupt, empty and deceivers. The result? **AVOID SUCH MEN AS THESE!**

Pray to God to give us men to teach His truth in sincerity without corrupting it. Be careful and don't settle for less than God's truth, God's doctrine, and God's purity. No "*peddlers*" allowed among God's saved. Think about it!!!

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