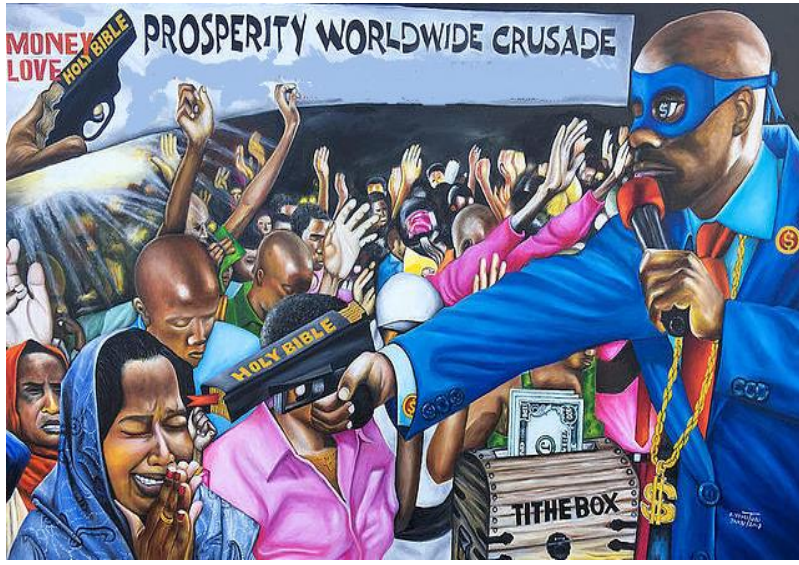


# ***SPIRIT LED.....OR MARKET DRIVEN?***



When our Lord Jesus warned us to beware of false prophets, he put the responsibility on us to discern the difference between a false prophet and a true one.

We will not be able to excuse ourselves by bleating, “But I didn’t realize!”

False prophets are clever.

They are inspired by the Prince of this World, who knows how to “get results.”

They take the truth of God and, with an imperceptible twist, exploit it for their own ends.

They harness the Kingdom of God for the creation of a personal kingdom, always designated as “The Lord’s Work.”

## **The test: Is this “Ministry” Spirit led or Market Driven?**

Does it revolve around Jesus Christ and him crucified?

Are its leaders nailed to the cross?

Does it inspire you to deny yourself, take up your cross and follow Jesus all the way?

Are the misfits of the world found at its banquet table?

Or are we looking at another “Christian Enterprise?”

—driven by the market.

—utilizing the latest marketing techniques.

—with plenty of money changing hands.

**"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits."**

Matthew 7:15-16

**For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word; but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.**

II Corinthians 2:17



*Prayer: Dear Lord, give us the discernment to know when a ministry is being led by greed and a drive for fame and growth. Make us wary of such enterprises. Keep us from becoming captured into their snares and free those you love who are tangled in their nets and being manipulated by these ravenous wolves. Nurture ministries and leaders that are truly doing your work, carrying your cross, rescuing the lost, and bringing your living water to the world. Amen.*

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