

Titus 1.10-16

1983 - UGANDA - more than 20 different armies - CIVIL WAR

CHURCH - strong 80% - Churches filled - Baptist, Catholic, Anglican

1986 - PEACE - freedom - Introduction - J.W.'s - CULT GROUPS

PAUL PUT TITUS IN CHARGE OF CHURCH IN CRETE

1.5 straighten what's unfinished / appoint elders

1.6-9 QUALIFICATIONS OF ELDERS / LEADERS

JESUS PARABLE - Man sowed good seed of GOSPEL / Devil bad seed

FALSE Teachers - 1) Jewish legalism 2) Man-made traditions 3) Mysticism

GOD'S REMEDY -OUTNUMBER THEM - more true teachers / refute error

2 Timothy 2.23-26 - Not quarrel, kindness, gentle instruction - RELEASE

1) CHARACTER of the False Teachers / What they were Personally

2) ACTIONS of the False Teachers / What they did

3) MOTIVATION of the False Teachers / Why they did it

4) RESPONSE to the False Teachers / What we should do

1) CHARACTER of the False Teachers / What they were Personally

PAUL HAD NOTHING GOOD TO SAY ABOUT THEM!!

v. 10 REBELLIOUS - will not submit, to others, Scripture, or God
BEWARE OF A TEACHER WHO WILL NOT SUBMIT TO
AUTHORITY

1.9 GOOD TEACHER - SUBMITS "hold firmly to God's message"

v. 10 EMPTY TALKERS - no fruit, no health in their words, HOT AIR

v. 10 DECEIVERS - actively leading people astray - SCATTER SHEEP

v. 11 GREEDY - in Ministry ONLY FOR THE MONEY

v. 12 ALWAYS LIARS, EVIL BRUTES, LAZY GLUTTONS

quote from Cretan poet EPIMENIDES - Paul agrees! - ALL MEN - Rom 3

ALL TRUTH IS FROM GOD - God can change them - vs. 5-9 CRETANS

SUMMARY OF CHARACTER v. 16 Detestable, Disobedient, Disgusting

GOD HAS SPOKEN - 2 Responses - 1) Bow Head 2) Turn our Back

THESE HAD TURNED BACK / rebellious, greedy, divisive

2) ACTIONS of the False Teachers / What they did

TOLD LIES FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE / i.e. Church to Church

v. 11 “ruining whole households” / Churches and Families

SPECIFIC LIES? v. 10 “circumcision” / v. 14 “Jewish myths”

v. 14 “command OF MEN” // Colossians - HUMAN TRADITION

NEEDED - Good Bible Teaching - Presented Clearly & Understood

J.W.’s take people from Churches - Poor Teaching - Bad Discipline

TRAINING FOR COUNTERFEIT \$ - STUDY GOOD BILLS
CAREFULLY

3) MOTIVATION of the False Teachers / Why they did it

MAIN MOTIVE - GREED - wanted to fill pockets, not souls of others

v. 11 “for the sake of dishonest gain” / STAY AWAY FROM MONEY

v. 7 Good Teacher - “not pursuing dishonest gain”

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS - love one, hate the other

v. 15 CONSCIENCE IS DEFILED - Love for money / DEFEND SELVES

BEGAN TO CALL EVIL GOOD AND GOOD EVIL

FALSE UNDERSTANDING OF HOLINESS, PURITY - external, rituals

// 1 Tim 4.3-5 - Ref. to FOODS & MARRIAGE - God made “very good”

DEVIL IS NOT CREATOR - DISTORTS GOOD GIFTS OF GOD

THREE TESTS of Teaching

ORIGIN - from God or man? revelation or tradition?

ESSENCE - inward or outward? spiritual or ritual?

RESULT - transformed life or moral creed?

TRUE FAITH - divine origin, spiritual essence, moral transformation

4) RESPONSE to the False Teachers / What we should do

v. 9 “teach sound doctrine” & “refute error” - WHAT IS RIGHT & WRONG

PAUL DID NOT ALTER MESSAGE if was UNPOPULAR - Guard Gospel

// Jesus in John 6 - Eat flesh, drink blood - Many left - WILL YOU GO TO?

v. 11 “they must be silenced” - DO NOT GIVE THEM TEACHING TIME

BE VERY CAREFUL WHO YOU ALLOW TO SPEAK IN CHURCH

v. 13 “rebuke them sharply” - REBUKE - not to Shame, but to RESTORE

NOT ABOUT YOU - ITS ABOUT JESUS / win arguement & win person

FALSE DOCTRINE - LIKE YEAST - WORKS SLOWLY, INVISIBLE

JOHN STOTT “This is why the key institution in the church is the seminary or theological college. In every country the church is a reflection of its seminaries. All the church’s future pastors and teachers pass through a seminary. It is there that they are either made or marred, either equipped and inspired or ruined. Therefore we should set ourselves to capture the seminaries of the world for the evangelical faith, academic excellence and personal godliness. There is no better strategy for the reform and renewal of the church.”

1) LET US COPY PAUL’S STRATEGY - teach and defend TRUE GOSPEL

2) LET US MAINTAIN PAUL’S STANDARDS - only those who are called by God and equipped by God should be leaders in Church