

Life In Community
A Community of Loving Reproof
Titus 1:10-16

- I. Why Is There A Need For Sound Teaching Leadership In All Local Congregations? (10-12)
 - A. The presence of false teachers in the Christian faith
 1. Rebellious men – “not subject to authority” (here, to the Word and the those set apart to lead people in it)
 2. Empty talkers – those who speak foolish/meaningless words
 3. Deceivers – those who intentionally lead others astray (particularly a problem of those who wanted to revert the Christian gospel back to old Judaism)
 - B. These must be silenced. Why?
 1. Upsetting whole families– causing trouble with a belief system
 2. Teaching things that are not proper to be taught (in this case, likely the need for circumcision for salvation)
 3. Doing so for greedy gain
 - C. The character of Crete and its false prophets
- II. What Should Be Done? (13-14)
 - A. Reprove them severely
 1. Reprove – to state or announce that someone has done something wrong, with clear proof/testimony of the wrong doing
 2. Severely – with firmness and aggressiveness

- B. Why should this happen?
 1. So that they may be sound in faith
 - a. The false teacher
 - b. And the ones listening
 2. So that their doctrine and practice will be in proper alignment
 - a. “Jewish myths”
 - b. “Commandments of men” (cf. 1 Timothy 4:1-5)
- III. A Call for The Whole of Life to Enjoy The Good of The Gospel (15-16)
 - A. To the pure, all things are pure
 - B. To the unbelieving, nothing is pure
 1. Profess to know God, deny Him by their deeds
 2. How so?
 - a. Detestable – something that should be regarded as abhorrent
 - b. Disobedient – in a constant or persistent state of not what ought to be done
 - c. Worthless for any good deed – not valuable for the work in keeping with conformity to the image of Jesus