

Protect the Truth

Titus 1:10-16

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BIG IDEA: Beware of opposition, correct false teaching, and live for the truth.

I. Beware of opposition (1:10-12, 14b)

A. Their character

Titus 1:10 | "For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers,"

Titus 1:11b | "teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach."

Titus 1:12 | "One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

B. Their message

Titus 1:10b | "especially those of the circumcision party."

Titus 1:14b | "Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth."

C. Their destruction

Titus 1:11 | "They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach."

II. Correct false teaching (1:11a, 13-14)

A. They must be silenced

Titus 1:11a | "They must be silenced"

B. Rebuke them sharply

Titus 1:13a | "This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply,"

C. Restore them sound in the faith

Titus 1:13b-14 | "that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth."

2 Timothy 4:3-4 | "3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths."

III. Live the truth (1:15-16)

A. Believing the truth leads to life

Titus 1:15a | "To the pure, all things are pure,"

B. Denial of the truth leads to destruction

Titus 1:15b | "but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled."

3-fold condemnation of the False Teachers

Titus 1:16 | "They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work."

Benediction | Titus 2:11-14

"11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works."