

Titus  
 The Description Of Those  
 Who Must Be Silenced  
  
 March 22, 2023

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The Burden Of Ministry

- We are guided by Truth that many do not accept.
- Younger Believers “learn as they go” like everyone.
- Hold to The Truth but remember grace is necessary.
- Give the Lord room to work. Don’t get in His way.
- Allow for Believers to learn, make mistakes, & grow.
- Model the Christian life; being honest with yourself.
- Help in teachable moments.
- Humbly pray for those you have influence with.

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The Reason For Elders

- Paul informed Titus to appoint Elders with the characteristics of heart that he did for a reason.
- Notice the characteristics of those in the community.
- **10** – unrestrained, foolish blabber, deceivers, and especially the Judaizers (they were like the culture).
- Legalism – self-righteous based on self-action (rules).
- **11** – stop their speech. Families are harmed. They teach to profit off of a believer’s generosity.

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The Reason For Elders

- **12** – Epimenides (600 BC) stated that his own people were inveterate liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.
- **13** – Paul says he was correct regarding Cretans.
  - Paul did not say discard them; rebuke (correct) them.
  - Teach them so they would be sound in faith.
- **14** – Teach then not to pay attention to Jewish myths & listening to those who reject the truth.
  - Achieving righteousness by Law keeping is a myth.
  - Colossians 2:32, Galatians 2:21, Romans 3:19-25.

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The Reason For Elders

- **15** – does not mean live however you choose, and as a Believer that everything is pure.
  - A believer can eat pork; it is pure. A Jew trying to follow the law and not eat pork, still defiled.
  - Nothing the unbeliever does can ever be pure.
- **16** – Many claim to know God but their actions do not indicate a relationship. Can't use then; unfit.
  - Saying you know God accounts for nothing.
  - God knowing you accounts for everything. *(M 7:21-23)*

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Then & Now

- Many things are the same, just a different 'ism.'
- We expect the world to act like this but must deal with it when it is in the church.
- People come to church with the expectation to be protected and not taken advantage of.
- They expect accountability within the leadership.
- Truth must be proclaimed protected.
- Trouble must be confronted; in love.

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