

Identifying Enemies

Titus 1:10-16

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Paul next explains why the selection of godly elders is so necessary for a healthy church—because there are always individuals with ungodly agendas who masquerade as devout believers. This challenge demands careful confrontation by the pastors as well as Spirit-filled discernment by the church family.

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10 For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, 11 who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of dishonest gain. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” 13 This testimony is true. For this reason reprove them severely so that they may be sound in the faith, 14 not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn away from the truth. 15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. 16 They profess to know God, but by their works they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and unfit for any good work.

1. Perpetual Challenges in Church Life (vv.10-13a)

2. Pastoral Confrontation in Church Life (vv.13b, 14)

3. Practical Consistency in Church Life (vv.15, 16)