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HOW THE GOSPEL CHANGES US FROM THE INSIDE OUT



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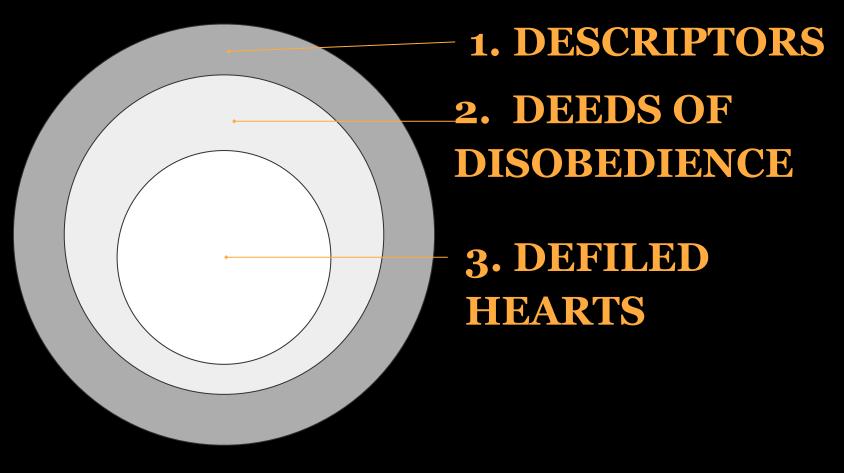
2. The fruit of the Spirit over the gifts of the Spirit

- 3. Timeless truth over trendy, hot button topics
- 4. Stewardship over ownership
- 5. Christ pleasing over people pleasing

"Well many churches today try to choose pastors who, in one way or another, are headline hitters and platform heroes. Eloquence, certain skills, personality, and force are the things that matter. They are looking for qualities that will make the pastor stand out in the larger Christian scene... The thought is that such a pastor will, on the one hand, be attractive to those who are not yet members of

"the congregation ... which makes the congregational members themselves stand out as 'special' that is the key phrase I think, they get special wisdom from their special pastor. Being 'special' is the Achilles heel of many churches today."

- Interview with JI Packer, from *The way of the lion,* the way of the lamb



Center City Church



Titus 1:10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.



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

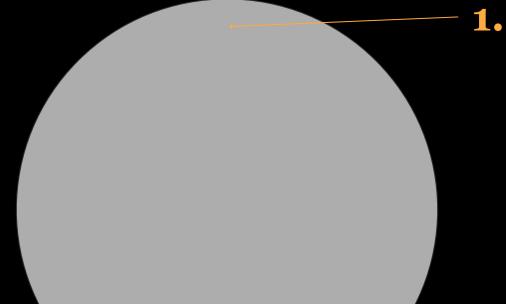


Titus 1: 16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

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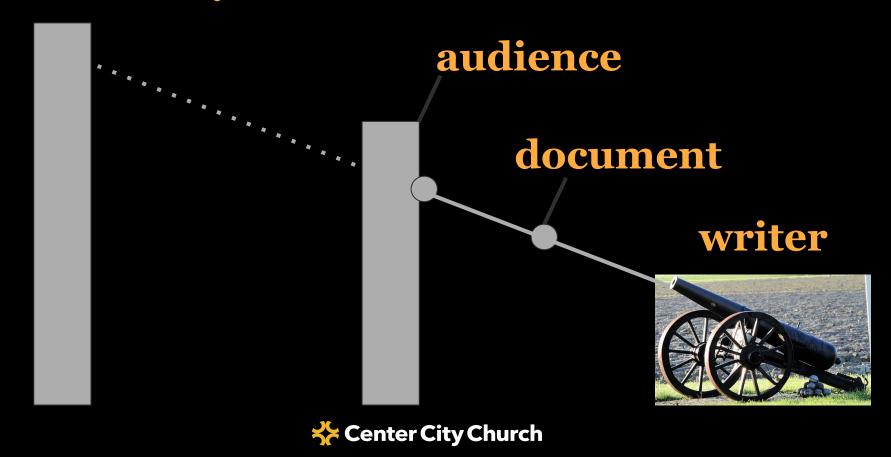


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2. <u>Scripture</u> helps to interpret <u>scripture</u>



1 Thes 5:14 "and we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all." Romans 16: 17 "I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them."

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2. DEEDS OF DISOBEDIENCE

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



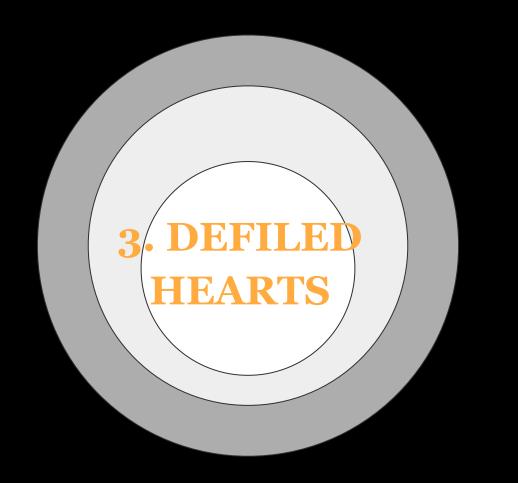
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Titus 1:13b-14 rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

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Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.



Matthew 10:16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.

" Matthew 7:15-20

1 Tim 1: 12-14

I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, 13though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent.



1 Tim 1: 12-14

But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.



Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 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.