

Toxic Religion

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They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

2 Timothy 3:5 NLT

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

Romans 1:16a NIV

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-12 NLT

Toxic Religion Wants To . . .

1. Execute judgement.

Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 BSB

Do not be excessively righteous, and do not be overly wise. Why should you ruin yourself?

Ecclesiastes 7:16 NASB

To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.

Titus 1:15 NIV

2. Indulge desires.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming.

Ephesians 4:14 BSB

Do not excel at wickedness, nor be a fool. Why die before your time?

Ecclesiastes 7:17 ISV

Should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

Romans 6:1b-2 NLT

3. Demand expectations.

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ Himself, who is the head.

Ephesians 4:15 BSB

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 NLT

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1 NIV

Weekend Music:

King of All the Earth (Bryan Torwalt) • Jesus at the Center (Bethel Church)
This I Believe (Hillsong Worship)