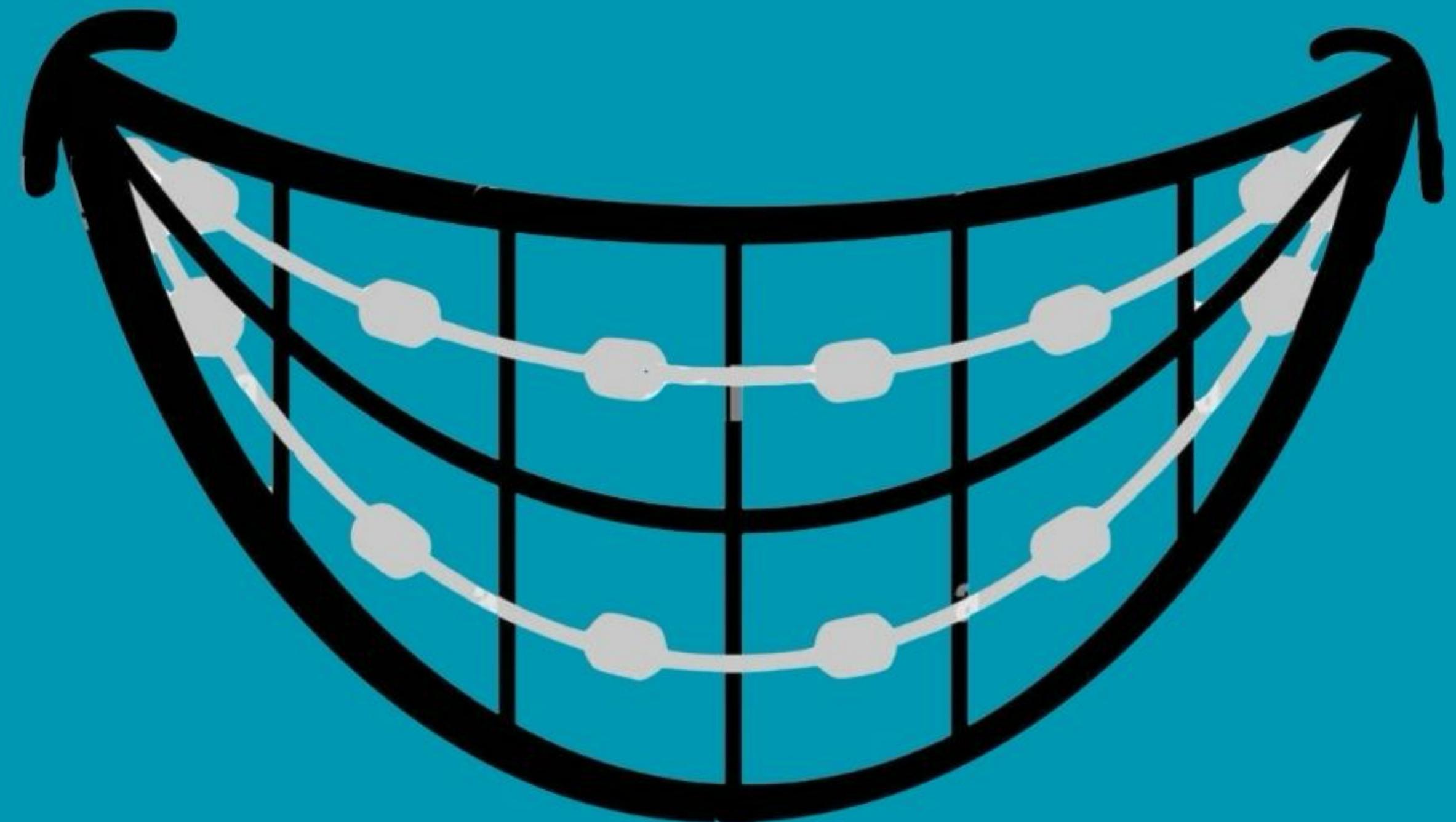


THE STRAIGHTENED-UP CHURCH



PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS

The Straightened-Up Church Pt 2– Paul’s Letter to Titus
“Characteristics of a False-Teacher”
1.25.26

Series Core Passage: Titus 1:5 (NKJV)

Today's Passage: Titus 1:10-16 (NLT)

Today's Big Question(s): How can I recognize a false-teacher, and how do I respond if I encounter one?

A false teacher...

1) Causes _____.

- A false teacher sows seeds of doubt about God's _____.
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2) _____ Scripture.

- A false teacher takes Scripture out of _____.
- A false teacher turns _____ text into _____ text.
- A false teacher distorts word _____.

3) A False teacher is in it for _____.

- They have an _____.
- They rarely _____ themselves.
- Their _____ is usually reflected in their _____.

How do I respond?

- They should be _____.
- They should be _____.
- If uncorrected and unrepentent _____ them for what they are.

TITUS 1:1-5 (NKJV)

PAUL, A BONDSERVANT OF GOD AND AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, ACCORDING TO THE FAITH OF GOD'S ELECT AND THE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE TRUTH WHICH ACCORDS WITH GODLINESS, ² IN HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE WHICH GOD, WHO CANNOT LIE, PROMISED BEFORE TIME BEGAN, ³ BUT HAS IN DUE TIME MANIFESTED HIS WORD THROUGH PREACHING, WHICH WAS COMMITTED TO ME ACCORDING TO THE COMMANDMENT OF GOD OUR SAVIOR; ⁴ TO TITUS, A TRUE SON IN OUR COMMON FAITH: GRACE, MERCY, AND PEACE FROM GOD THE FATHER AND THE LORD JESUS CHRIST OUR SAVIOR.

TITUS 1:1-5 (NKJV)

...5 FOR THIS REASON I LEFT YOU IN CRETE, THAT YOU SHOULD SET IN ORDER THE THINGS THAT ARE LACKING, AND APPOINT ELDERS IN EVERY CITY AS I COMMANDED YOU—

TITUS 1:1-5

AUTHOR: PAUL

TO: TITUS/THE CHURCH

**PURPOSE: STRAIGHTEN UP A
FEW ISSUES AND APPOINT**

ELDERS

BIG IDEA:
JUST LIKE THE CHURCH IN
CRETE, SOMETIMES THE
MODERN-DAY CHURCH
REQUIRES AN “ALIGNMENT”
FROM GOD’S WORD.

PART 1 - CHURCH LEADERSHIP

WK 1 - THE REQUIREMENTS OF A GODLY PASTOR

WK 2 - THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A FALSE TEACHER

PART 2 - RIGHT LIVING IN THE CHURCH

WK 3 - A MAN OF GOD

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PART 3 - RIGHT LIVING IN SOCIETY

WK 5 - THE MODEL EMPLOYEE

WK 6 - THE MODEL CITIZEN

WK 7 - A DEVOTED SERVANT

WK 8 - A FOCUSED SERVANT

**“THE CHARACTERISTICS
OF A FALSE TEACHER”**

TITUS 1:10-16 (NLT)

FOR THERE ARE MANY REBELLIOUS PEOPLE WHO ENGAGE IN USELESS TALK AND DECEIVE OTHERS. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE OF THOSE WHO INSIST ON CIRCUMCISION FOR SALVATION.¹¹ THEY MUST BE SILENCED, BECAUSE THEY ARE TURNING WHOLE FAMILIES AWAY FROM THE TRUTH BY THEIR FALSE TEACHING. AND THEY DO IT ONLY FOR MONEY.¹² EVEN ONE OF THEIR OWN MEN, A PROPHET FROM CRETE, HAS SAID ABOUT THEM, “THE PEOPLE OF CRETE ARE ALL LIARS, CRUEL ANIMALS, AND LAZY GLUTTONS.”¹³ THIS IS TRUE. SO REPRIMAND THEM STERNLY TO MAKE THEM STRONG IN THE FAITH.

CONTINUED...

¹⁴ THEY MUST STOP LISTENING TO JEWISH MYTHS AND THE COMMANDS OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE TURNED AWAY FROM THE TRUTH.

¹⁵ EVERYTHING IS PURE TO THOSE WHOSE HEARTS ARE PURE. BUT NOTHING IS PURE TO THOSE WHO ARE CORRUPT AND UNBELIEVING, BECAUSE THEIR MINDS AND CONSCIENCES ARE CORRUPTED. ¹⁶ SUCH PEOPLE CLAIM THEY KNOW GOD, BUT THEY DENY HIM BY THE WAY THEY LIVE. THEY ARE DETESTABLE AND DISOBEDIENT, WORTHLESS FOR DOING ANYTHING GOOD.

**HOW CAN I
RECOGNIZE A
FALSE-TEACHER?**

1) CAUSE DOUBT.

- A FALSE TEACHER SOWS SEEDS OF DOUBT ABOUT GOD'S WORD.
- A FALSE TEACHER SOWS SEEDS OF DOUBT ABOUT GOD'S GOODNESS.
- A FALSE TEACHER SOWS SEEDS OF DOUBT ABOUT GOD'S AUTHORITY.

2) **TWIST** SCRIPTURE.

- A FALSE TEACHER TAKES SCRIPTURE OUT OF CONTEXT.
- A FALSE TEACHER TURNS DESCRIPTIVE TEXT INTO PRESCRIPTIVE TEXT.
- A FALSE TEACHER DISTORTS WORD MEANING.

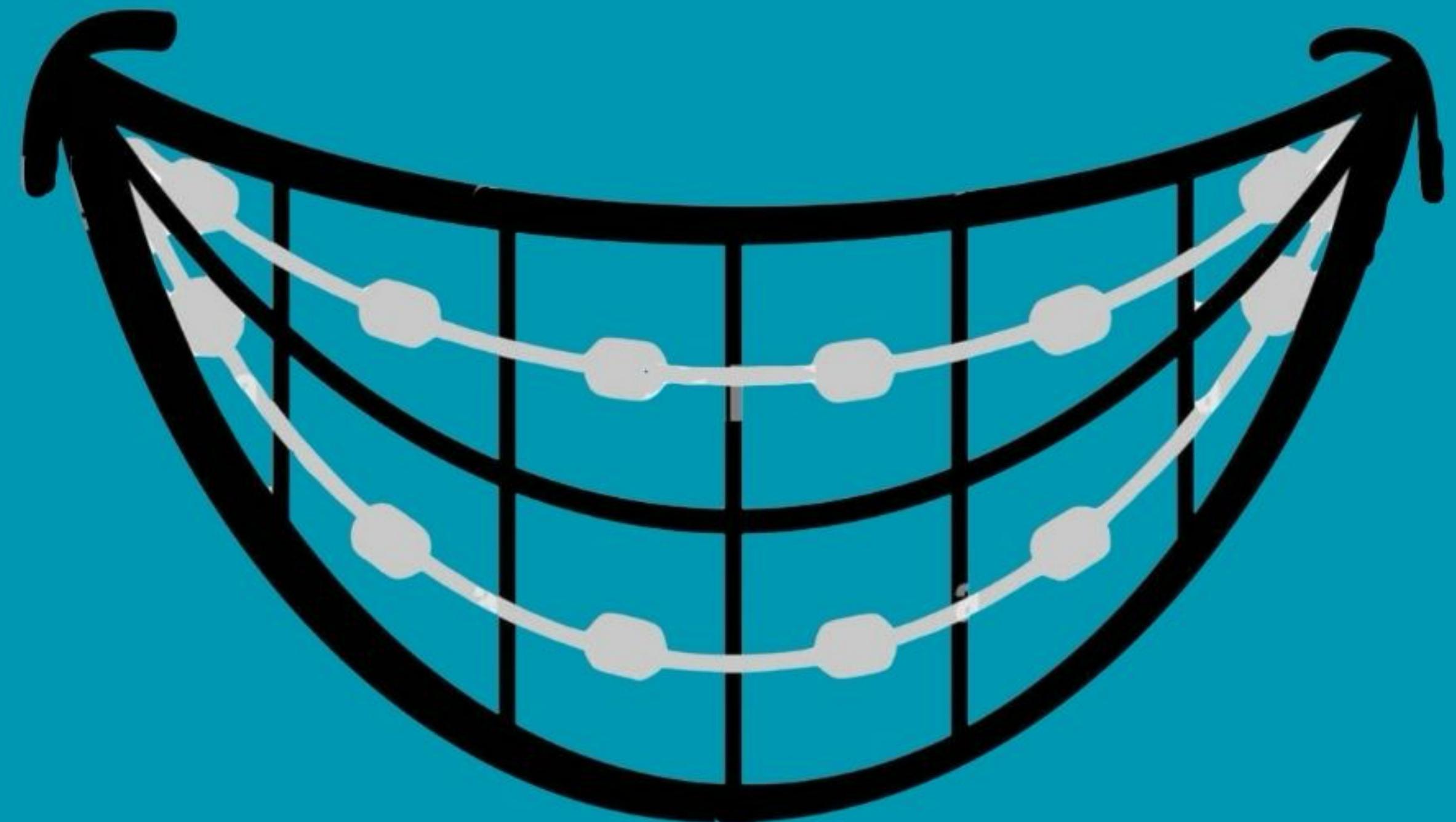
3) A FALSE TEACHER IS IN IT FOR THEMSELF.

- THEY HAVE AN AGENDA.
- THEY RARELY SACRIFICE THEMSELVES.
- THEIR GREED IS USUALLY REFLECTED IN
THEIR LIFESTYLE.

HOW DO I RESPOND?

- THEY SHOULD BE STOPPED.
- THEY SHOULD BE CALLED OUT.
- IF UNCORRECTED AND UNREPENTENT
EXPOSE THEM FOR WHAT THEY ARE.

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Announcements

- There will be a short Small Group Leader meeting today, January 25th, after the service in the Sanctuary.
- We need you! We are looking for a few more volunteers to oversee the admissions gate and concessions on Saturday, Jan 31, 2026, for the Upward Basketball Games. Sign up on the bulletin board.
- Gathering of the Hummingbirds Tuesday, January 27 @ 11:00 a.m. We are looking forward to food, fellowship, and fun as we gather with fried chicken fingers and a potluck. Join us as we welcome Regina Meadows back to educate us on diabetic nutrition. Oh, and there might be a friendly game of Bingo afterwards.
- There will be a brief Guatemala Mission Team Meeting following next Sunday's (Feb 1st) morning Worship Service.
- Join us for Manly Monday, February 2, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. We will gather in the "Change Center" (i.e., the New Building).
- Grab a friend and join the FBCR Women's Ministry for "Galentine's" Day on February 6 from 6-8 pm at The Change Center. Enjoy sweet treats, a time of fellowship, a lesson on Biblical love, and help plan women's ministry activities for the year.
- 2025 Tax Contribution Statements are available in the foyer. Please note that all contributions made from January to July are recorded as a lump sum due to a change in the tracking software. If you have any questions about your statement, see Pastor Tim.