

The Abomination

Titus 1:10-16

Paul's Letter to Titus

Emphasis: Elders are to silence the insubordinate.

Outline:

- I. The contrast between 1:5-9 and 1:10-16
- II. An extended description of the false teachers ([for/gar] vv. 10-16)
- III. The reasons why false teachers are to be silenced (vv. 11, 13, 14)
 - A. They are upsetting the church (v. 11a)
 - B. They are making merchandise of doctrine (v. 11b)
 - C. They are needing to be restored (v. 13)
 - D. They are turning people away from the truth (v. 14)
- IV. The response by the church (vv. 11, 13)
 - A. They are to be silenced (v. 11)
 - B. They are to be rebuked (v. 13)
 - C. They are to be rejected (Titus 3:10)
- V. A concluding observation - the "punch" line (vv. 12, 15, 16)

To the believing:

Let the gospel shape your life. Let your works testify to your faith (be who you are).

Keep the faith and do not turn from the truth.

"Be discerning as you listen to teaching and verify with Scripture."¹

To the unbelieving:

- False teachers are to repent of their unsound doctrine and return to sound doctrine.
- Unbelievers cannot look to their work's righteousness to secure for them a right standing before God. Your works do not determine your profession.

¹ Carolyn Elroy on Titus 1:10-16, Simeon Trust.

