

UPCOMING EVENTS

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- Women's Harvest Brunch - Saturday, November 2nd @ 9:30 am
- EXTOL: Prayer & Praise - Thursday, November 7th @ 7 pm
- Women's Day at CityTeam Oakland - Friday, November 8th
- VBC Food Packing Event - Saturday, November 9th @ 10am
- Goodguys Church Service - Sunday, November 10th @ 10am
- Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week - November 18th - 25th
- Quest Thanksgiving Banquet - Thursday, November 21st @ 7 pm

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SONGS & SERMONS

- "Wonderful Grace" - Valley Bible Worship
- "Come Thou Fount" - Chad Gardner, Robert Robinson
- "Great Are Your Lord" - David Leonard, Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan
- "O Come to the Altar" - Christopher Brown, Mack Brock, Steven Furtick, Wade Joye
- "The One Who Saves" - Ben Fielding
- "In Christ Alone" - Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

To listen or watch today's message, visit www.vbc.online/media

FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Operating Budget Need.....	\$34,434.00	Giving Last Week.....	\$20,596.00
Y-T-D General Fund Need.....	\$1,446,228.00	Y-T-D Giving.....	\$1,424,538.00

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TITUS
CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

10/27/19 | MUSIC: DAN GILLETTE | MESSAGE: JASON MOOG

MESSAGE NOTES

Examples **NOT** To Follow

Titus 1:10-16

REMINDERS & PREP:

- Paul, Titus & An Island full of Cretans.
- Themes in Titus are connected to the inseparable link between Christian Faith, Character & Practice. *Belief & Behavior—Creed & Conduct—Doctrine & Deeds.*
- Godly leadership in every local church must be firmly committed to God's Word—ready to model it, guard it and use it.

Titus 1:9 *He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.*

- **False teachers posed an immediate and dangerous threat to the churches in Crete.**
 - a. They exercised independence.
 - b. They used impressive words – with little or no content of truth.
 - c. They seduced people away from sound doctrine.

So-called "spiritual teachers and leaders" promoting a different gospel message than the one Jesus taught are often identified by *Destructive & Divisive Teaching, Dishonorable & Selfish Motives, Defiled Minds & Consciences and Detestable & Hypocritical Actions.* Let's examine what the Apostle Paul instructs Titus (and in turn—VBC) concerning such matters.



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1. DESTRUCTIVE & DIVISIVE _____ 2. DISHONORABLE & SELF-SERVING _____

Titus 1:10 For there are many who are *insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.* **11** They must be silenced, since they are *upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach.* **14** ... *Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.*

Titus 1:12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "*Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.*" **13** This testimony is true. Therefore *rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.*

OVERVIEW:

Certain People: Teaching—what they ought not to teach. (v11)
Their Number: Many. (v10)
Their Markings: Insubordinate; empty talkers; deceivers; committed to Jewish myths; turned away from the truth; hypocritical; defiled; unbelieving; detestable; disobedient; unfit for good. (vv10-11; 15-16)

Their Association

& Reputation: Circumcision Party; Cretans—Liars; evil beast; lazy gluttons. (v10, 12)
Their Motive: Personal Agenda; Self-serving and shameful gain. (v11,14)
Their Fruit: Damaging whole families. (v11)

The Apostolic Directive: Must be silenced. Rebuked sharply. (vv 11,13; see also Titus 3:9,10 and 2 Tim 2:23)

The Redemptive Hope: Some become sound in the faith. (v13)

3. DEFILED _____ & _____

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.*

1Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, 2 through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared, 3 who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. **4 For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, 5 for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.**

SUMMARY:

The inner quality of our lives determines how we interpret and process things. Those whose hearts & minds are clean can enjoy God's creation with a clear conscience (Titus 1:15a & 1 Tim 4:1-5).

Those whose hearts & minds are corrupt interpret everything corruptly (Titus 1:15b).

4. DETESTABLE & HYPOCRITICAL _____

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

Matthew 23:1-3 [Concerning the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees]... *Jesus said to the crowds and to His disciples, ...don't follow their example. For they don't practice what they teach.*

SUMMARY:

The inward spiritual corruption is seen in their outward hypocritical actions and thus they are disqualified for good works since nothing these false teachers do is pure (Titus 1:16; see also Matt 7:15-20; 24-29 and 23:1-39).

OUR RESPONSE: _____

[If we count ourselves as belonging]... "to the company described by Jesus (Matt 7) as both hearing his teaching and calling him Lord...[we therefore carry the wonderful & serious responsibility] of ensuring that what we know and what we say is translated into what we do." John Stott; Christian Counter-Culture (p. 210)