

Titus Lesson 7

“That They May Be Sound in the Faith”

Titus 1:10-16 - Cindy Lindstedt - Nov. 1/3, 2022

INTRO: The heart is deceitful above all things... (Jer. 17:9-10)

The State of Theology – ALARM!

- I. MANY rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers (v. 10) - then and now!
 - A. Incentive? For the sake of S_____ G_____ (v. 11)
 - Joel Osteen, Lakewood Church, “Your Best Life Now,” wife Victoria co-pastor, 368 staff, 52,000 attendance in basketball arena; \$43 million in collections annually; \$100 million net worth.
 - “Can I Live However I Want and Still Go to Heaven” by Dr. James Scudder
 - B. What’s to be done? R_____ S_____ and S_____ (vv. 11, 13)
 - C. Why these measures?
 1. Elders’ responsibility to S_____ doctrine
“another Jesus” “a different spirit” “a different gospel” (2 Cor. 11:3-4)
 2. These deceivers were I_____ (vv. 10, 15)
 3. Reaping havoc, teaching things they should not (v. 11)
 4. Peril of tongue (James 1) => Source of evil = H_____ (Mark 7:21)
 - D. How to oppose?
 - ⇒ Revoke right to speak
 - ⇒ Overpower with T_____
 - ⇒ Expose H_____; “You will know them by their F_____” (Matt. 7:16)
 - E. Objective: S_____ D_____ => Heart of this Lesson!
 - “So that they may be sound in the faith” (v. 13);
 - Ultimate goal = recovery from error (Gal. 6:1)
- II. “Knowledge of the Truth” (2 Tim. 3:1-7) = Sound Doctrine
 - A. Three Dimensions
 1. Intellectual = KNOWING the truth
 2. Volitional = WALKING IN the truth
 3. Moral = CHARACTER (becomes a lifestyle)= Progressive Sanctification
 - B. Why is Knowledge of the Truth Vital?
 - Contending for the F_____ (1 Tim. 6:20; Jude 1)
 - True knowledge/doctrine leads to G_____ (Titus 1:1-2)
 - Danger of D_____ mind/conscience (Titus 1:15; 1 Tim. 4:1; Acts 24:16; 1 Tim. 3:9) *Book: **The Vanishing Conscience** by John MacArthur
 - Biblical “knowledge” can be perilous
 - God’s reckoning (Jer. 17:10; 23)
 - C. Paul’s Passion & Earnest Admonitions for Truth - Paul’s HEARTBEAT! (Look up in small group - 1 Tim. 6:3-5; 2 Tim. 4:1-4; 2 Cor. 11:3-4; Titus 2:1; Gal. 16-9)
 - L_____ of the truth is the heart of God because God IS truth!
 - D. Charismatic Chaos vs. Love of the Truth (2 Thess. 2)

- “Mysticism: The Deadly Dangers of Trusting Personal Experience Over Biblical Authority” -Justin Peters; Truth Matters Conference “Recovering a Biblical Worldview” (May 20, 2022). www.gty.org. Search for TM-2210 & watch video.
Entire “Truth Matters” Conference: <https://www.gty.org/conference>
- Identify the Real Enemy (Eph. 6:11-12). Who is the father of lies? (John 8:44)
- ⇒ Don’t confuse **prisoners of war** with the enemy! (2 Tim. 2:23-26)
Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and **escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.**

III. APPLICATION - Pressing On (Phil. 3:13-14)

- True knowledge (sound doctrine) spurs us on to godly living (Look up in small group - 1 Tim. 4:7; 2 Tim. 2:15; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 1:6; 2:13).
- We need to S_____ spiritually – no whiffle dust!
- “To the PURE all things are pure”
- GOAL = **LOVE** from a **pure heart**, from a **good conscience**, and from a **sincere F_____**.” (1 Tim. 1:5) = a worthy Spiritual Trifecta because God’s purpose is to “P_____ for Himself a people for His own possession.” (Titus 2:14)
- “And this I pray, that your LOVE would abound still more and more in FULL KNOWLEDGE and all D_____” (Phil. 1:9) – so needed today!
- Our terminus (Eph. 4:13-15; Col. 1 prayer) – *Hallelujah!*

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EPHESIANS
 4:13

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 by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness,
 but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.*

(2 Peter 3:17-18)