

WHY DID THE CRETIANs NEED A PASTOR?

TITUS 1:10-16

Introduction:

- A. Paul commands Titus to ordain Elders or Bishops in every city.
 - 1. Why?

- B. The church has never been perfect. Members are sheep.
 - 1. Sheep are dumb!

- C. The churches of Crete really needed a pastor.

I. THE PROBLEMS OF THE CHURCH.

- A. Special problems of Jews.
 - 1. Unruly = anupotaktos = not arranged, not in order, unsubjected, men who are out of control.
 - 2. Vain talking = mataiologos - empty talkers, given to idle and misleading talk, they talk wildly and lead men's minds astray.
 - 3. Deceivers = phrenapates = mind deceivers.

II. WHAT WERE THESE PEOPLE DOING TO THE CHURCH?

- A. They were doing great harm.
 - 1. "Whose mouths must be stopped."
 - a. vii, verb, to gag.

- B. They were disturbing households.
 - 1. "Subvert whole houses."
 - 2. subvert = anatrepo = to overturn, overthrow, for they are under-mining whole families, (Moffet), whole families are turned away from the grace of God
 - 3. "teaching things they ought not."
 - a. By teaching evil.

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4. "for filthy lucre's sake."
 - a. One thing worse than preaching for money, and that is quitting preaching for money!

III. THE KIND OF PEOPLE IN CRETE.

- A. "One of their poets." Epimenides 550 B.C.
"Cretan" to Cretize.
 1. Liars = false.
 2. Evil beasts = wild beasts.
 3. Slow-bellies = lazy gluttons.

- B. "This witness is true."

IV. THE WORK OF TITUS. V13

- A. "Rebuke them sharply." speak to them as sternly as necessary.

- B. "To be sound in the faith."

- C. Do not believe or study Jewish myths and fables.
 1. These turn men from truth and not to truth.

- D. "A man sees what he wants to see."
 1. v15.
 2. A pure man looks for purity and finds purity.
 3. An evil man looks for evil and finds evils.
 4. To the pure all pure things are pure.
 5. To the impure all things are impure. food.

V. HYPOCRISY AND DECEIT.

- A. "They profess to know God."
 1. Nothing wrong with that!

B. "But in works they deny Him."

1. abominable = bdeluktos = disgusting, extremely hateful, smell that comes from voiding the stomach.
2. disobedient = apeithes - unwilling to be persuaded, degraded and self-willed.
3. "and to every good work."
 - a. reprobate = adokimos = unapproved, unworthy; spurious, will not stand proof.
 - b. "And as to any good work found worthless."

