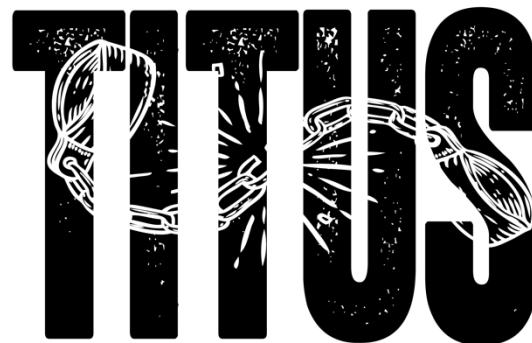


HUB NOTES

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Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

Titus 1:10-14



1) Why do you think people gravitate towards false teaching?

Jesus, Paul and the apostles use graphic language to warn against what they call false teachers, false prophets, apostasy (heresy):

- Jesus says that false prophets will arise. They will perform signs and wonders and their purpose is to lead astray. (Mark 13:22-23, Matt 24:24)
- Paul warns the Ephesian elders in Acts 20, "Fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. They will teach perversions of the truth to draw the disciples away after them." (vs. 29-30)
- Peter says that false prophets will "arise among the people and will infiltrate the church with destructive heresies, even to the point of denying the Master who bought them." (2 Pet. 2:1)
- In another pastoral epistle, Paul says, "The time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth." (2 Tim. 4:3-4)

2) What themes do you see in these verses? What stands out to you?

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3) What characterized these Cretan false teachers?

4) According to Paul, how should Titus and the elders (vs. 6-9) respond to the false teachers?

5) Does this response feel harsh? Why or why not?

What's the cost if false teachers are not silenced? (vs. 11)

6) Do you have a hard time differentiating between Jesus' authoritative voice and the lies of false messages and teaching?

What are some practical ways we can ensure we are following Jesus' voice?