

Sermon Notes

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Title: Protecting God's People

Scripture Text: Titus 1:5-16

1. We are made aware of the number of false teachers. *"For there are many rebellious men."*
2. They have some very distinctive attributes that, in a sense, give them away, or identify them.
 - a. Rebellious men
 - b. Empty or vain talkers
 - c. Deceivers
 - d. Present a gospel plus message, *"especially those of the circumcision."*
 - e. Profession without practice vs.16 *"They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works."*
 - f. False teachers advocate conduct, acts and rites that have their origin in the commandments of men and not God. *"Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the precepts of men."* Mark 7:7-8
3. The action church leaders are to take to protect the people of God from false teaching is to silence it. Vs. 11, *"who must be silenced"* and Vs. 13, *"for this cause reprove them severely that they may be sound in the faith, not paying attention to Jewish myths and commandments of men who turn people away from the truth."*
 - a. They must be silenced because they disrupt family life. Vs. 11 *"upsetting whole families."*
 - b. They must be silenced because they are teaching things they should not teach.
 - c. They must be silenced because their motive for false teaching is for personal monetary gain, which becomes a stewardship issue.