

## Titus 1:10-16

Memory Verse: Titus 1:15 To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.

*Begin your Bible study with prayer, confessing any sins you know of, thanking the Lord for the gift of His Word and asking the Holy Spirit to guide your study.*

Read Titus 1:10-16

1. In contrast to the qualities of elders and overseers described in vs 6-9, Paul describes another kind of teacher in verses 10, 11. What kind of teachers are these and what is their motive? In your own words, explain each of their characteristics.

*Insight: Throughout his ministry, Paul had to contend with Judaizers who taught a salvation which combined God's grace with human effort. They believed that salvation was not by grace alone but that in addition, a person had to follow all the Jewish law, including circumcision. See Acts 15:1 (sources: Navigators, Baker's Evangelical dictionary of Theology)*

2. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul addresses the issue of Judaizers. Read Galatians 2:16-21.

- Briefly describe Paul's main argument. vs 16.
- How did Paul live his life, once he had died to the law? vs 19-20
- If righteousness comes through the law, what does that say about the death of Christ? vs 21

3. According to Titus 1:11 and 13, how was Titus to deal with false teachers? What was the goal in treating them this way? See also 1 Cor 5:5

4. In verse 15, Paul writes, "to the pure all things are pure". What do you think Paul meant by this? How might a false teacher twist this statement to excuse sin? See also: Rom 6:15 and 1 Cor 10:23-24

5. According to verse 16, why were false teachers called “unfit for anything good”?

6. In verses 5-9, Paul lists the qualities of a good leader and in verses 10-15, he lists some traits of false teachers. Choose 2 or 3 of these traits and explain how the qualities of a good leader equip him to expose and refute each trait.

7. According to verse 16, how did some who professed to know God deny Him? Why?

8. To whom are all things pure? To whom is nothing pure? What is defiled in the unbelieving?

Application: Lamentations 3:40 says, “Let us examine and probe our ways, And let us return to the LORD.” Does anything in Titus 1:10-16 call to mind any practices you need to stop? If so, what might you do about this conviction? Be as specific as possible.

*End your study by thanking the Lord for what you have learned this week, ask Him to help you apply the truths you have learned.*

For further study: Read Mark 7:5-15 and Luke 11:37-41. Compare what Jesus says about the Pharisees with what Paul says about false teachers in Titus 1. How are the false teachers and Pharisees alike? How are they different? If you have time, look over your lessons from 1 and 2 Timothy as well to make your comparisons.