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### **A. The Charge To Titus (1:5)**

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##### **a. The reason**

**Luke 18:22**

**Ephesians 4:13**

##### **b. The remedy**

**Hebrews 12:13**

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##### **b. Leaders defined (Elder, bishop, pastor same)**

**1 Timothy 5:17**

**1 Timothy 3:1**

**1 Peter 5:1-4**

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### **B. The Qualifications For Elders (1:6-9)**

#### **1. Socially (v 6)**

**a. His reputation**

**Colossians 1:22**

**b. His relationship with his wife**

**Matthew 19:6**

**c. His rule over his children**

**1 Timothy 3:4-5**

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#### **2. Personally (vv 7-8)**

**a. Blameless, as the steward of God;**

**1 Corinthians 4:2**

**b. Not self-willed**

**c. Not soon angry**

**d. Not given to wine**

**e. No striker**

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**2. Personally (vv 7-8) - continued**

**f. Not given to filthy lucre**

**g. A lover of hospitality (strangers)**

**h. A lover of good men**

**i. Sober**

**j. Just**

**k. Holy**

**l. Temperate**

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#### **3. Spiritually (v 9)**

##### **a. A firm foundation**

**Proverbs 3:18**

**2 Timothy 1:13**

##### **b. A faithful proclamation**

**2 Timothy 4:2-4**

**Walk As The Leader**

**Philippians 3:17**

# **Challenges For The Church**

**Titus 1: 10-16**

**We Must Respond To Spiritual Challenges**

## **Titus 1:10-16**

**10 For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision:**

**11 Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.**

**12 One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, the Cretians are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies.**

**13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;**

**14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.**

## **Titus 1:10-16 - continued**

**15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.**

**16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

# **I. A Deceptive Message (1:10-11)**

## **A. Their Diverse Attacks (1:10-11)**

- 1. Many attackers**
- 2. Many avenues of attack**
- 3. Many warnings in the Bible**

### **1 John 2:18-19**

**18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.**

**19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.**

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## **2 Peter 2:1**

**But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.**

## **2 Timothy 4:3**

**For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;**

# **I. A Deceptive Message (1:10-11)**

## **B. Their Destructive Influence (1:11)**

**1. Destroying families**

**2. Deluding teachings**

### **Revelation 2:18-20**

**18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write;  
These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like  
unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;**

**19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith,  
and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more  
than the first.**

**20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee,  
because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth  
herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to  
commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.**

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## **C. Their Desire (1:11)**

**In it for the money**

**1 Timothy 6:15**

**Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.**

# **I. A Deceptive Message (1:10-11)**

**Matthew 6:21-24**

**21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.**

**22 The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.**

**23 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!**

**24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**

# **I. A Deceptive Message (1:10-11)**

## **D. Their Disruption Demanded (1:11)**

**“Whose mouths must be stopped”**

**Psalm 11:3**

**If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?**

**2 Timothy 3:8-9**

**8 Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.**

**9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as their's also was.**

## **II. A Depraved Culture (1:12-14)**

### **A. Their Character (1:12-13)**

**“are alway liars, evil beasts, slow bellies”**

#### **2 Timothy 3:2-5**

**2 For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,**

**3 Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,**

**4 Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;**

**5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**

## **II. A Depraved Culture (1:12-14)**

### **B. The Confrontation (1:13)**

**“Wherefore rebuke them sharply”**

**Titus 2:15**

**These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no man despise thee.**

**1 Timothy 5:20**

**Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear.**

## **II. A Depraved Culture (1:12-14)**

### **C. The Correction (1:13-14)**

#### **1. Make them sound in the faith**

##### **2 Timothy 1:13**

**Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.**

#### **2. Make them heed truth**

##### **1 Timothy 1:4**

**Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.**

### **III. A Defiled Conscience (1:15-16)**

#### **A. The divine mind (1:15)**

**“Unto the pure all things are pure”**

**Matthew 5:8**

**Blessed *are* the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

**1 Timothy 1:5**

**Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:**

### **III. A Defiled Conscience (1:15-16)**

#### **B. The depraved mind (1:15)**

**“Their mind is always in the gutter”**

**Romans 1:28**

**And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**

**Jude 1:8**

**Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.**

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#### **C. The deluded mind (1:16)**

**“They profess that they know God...”**

##### **1. Abominable**

**Proverbs 17:15**

**He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both *are* abomination to the LORD.**

##### **2. Disobedient**

**Isaiah 30:9**

**That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD:**

##### **3. Reprobate – unfit**

**Are We Spiritually Challenged  
Or  
Challenging Spiritually?**