

Men Who Must be Silenced, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Titus 1:10-16.

B. Part of spiritual leadership is silencing those who should not speak.

C. God will silence the wicked. (Psalm 63:11, 107:42, Ezekiel 16:63, Romans 3:19, Proverbs 10:31, 12:19, Ezekiel 3:26-27)

II. There are ways we can silence certain people.

A. We can revoke their right to speak. This is to take away a privilege of teaching. (1 Timothy 4:1, 6:20, 2 Timothy 3:13)

B. We can overpower with the truth. (Matthew 22:34)

C. We can silence by holy living. (1 Peter 2:15)

III. The description of these men.

A. There are many people who must be silenced. (1 Timothy 4, 2 Peter 2)

B. They are rebellious. The church cannot control them, and they do not submit to spiritual leaders or the Scripture.

C. They are persuasive but have nothing to say.

D. They are deceivers. There will always be people who want their ears tickled. (2 Timothy 4, Galatians 2:7-12)

E. They profess to have special knowledge of God.

F. False teachers take advantage of the weak. (2 Timothy 3:6, 2:14, 2 Peter 3:16)

G. They are the opposite of God's chosen leaders.

IV. The reaction to these men.

V. The evaluation of these men.

Application Questions:

1. How would you respond to someone who says it sounds cruel to silence people?

2. What are some ways to silence these deceivers? What are some ways we should NOT attempt to silence them?

3. How can we identify false teachers?
