

Men Who Must be Silenced, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Titus 1:10-16.

B. God will silence deceivers in the church. In the meantime the church is responsible to silence damaging voices.

II. The description of these men.

A. They were guilty of deception.

B. They were guilty of hypocrisy.

C. They were guilty of presumption.

D. They were guilty of mocking the truth of God.

E. They were not reacted to with kind words. They were called lying vicious gluttons.

III. The reaction to these men.

A. They were to be reprovved with the goal of correcting them.

1. They were to be rebuked severely.

2. They were to be cut off by taking away their platform, confronting with truth and demonstrating with a holy lifestyle.

B. They were to turn away from their teaching.

1. False teachers were teaching false mysticism.

2. Other teachers were teaching a form of legalism.

3. There is no benefit to this. (Jeremiah 23:32)

IV. The evaluation of these men.

A. They taught sacramental religion, but Jesus taught that purity comes from the inside.

B. Their deeds reveal that they do not really know God personally. (2 Timothy 3:5)

Application Questions:

1. How does one address a false teacher?

2. What steps are necessary to prepare for an encounter with a false teacher?

3. What are some ways we can recognize false teachers in the church? Explain.
