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Titus – “Hold fast the faithful word”

Session 4

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**“Why do you do what you do?”**

Paul now teaches why it is so important to **“hold fast the faithful word”** (1:9). Unfortunately, there are **“many”** who are **“insubordinate”** (defiant of authority) and **“dishonest”**. They are **“idle talkers”** (given to vain talking or trivial disputes) and **“deceivers”** (seducers). Their goal is not to proclaim the faithful word as it is plainly taught, for the sake of sound doctrine, but for the sake of **“dishonest gain”** (1:11). Paul strongly warns here that such people must **“be stopped”** or they will **“subvert”** (corrupt) a church (**“whole households”**) that is intended by God to be in unity. They do not serve the Lord or His church, but themselves (Romans 16:17-18).

As an important member of the Body of Christ, it is vitally important for you to check your own heart and ask yourself why your doing what you are doing. Are you holding fast the faithful word for the purpose of building up of the church in love (Ephesians 4:7-16), or do you get caught up in trivial disputes and pet doctrines for your own personal gain or glory?

**Passage:** Titus 1:10-11

**Personal Study Time Questions:**

**Scripture: Titus 1:10**

What reason does Paul now give in this verse for the need of leaders (**“overseers”**) who will **“hold fast the faithful word”** as it says in v.9?

**Scripture: Titus 1:11**

How does Paul further describe these people in the church; how they act? What does Paul say **“must”** be done about such people? What will happen if this isn't done?

**Scripture: Titus 1:11**

Why do these “*insubordinate*” ones do what they do?

**Scripture: Romans 16:17-18**

What does Paul say in v.17 that those who teach things “*contrary to sound doctrine*” are doing within the church? According to v.18, are they serving the Lord? What does it say they serve? What do you think that means, based on what this passage and Titus 1:11 say?

**Personal meditation time with Jesus:**

Read Ephesians 4:7-16. Meditate for a while on what it tells you about how a church should function together, and for what purpose. Read it through more than once as the Spirit leads you, so that you see how each part of it plays into a healthy church. What is the ultimate goal? What is the evidence that this goal is being achieved? Can you see how someone who is “*insubordinate*” to all this could “*subvert*” (or corrupt) a church?

What part are you playing to promote a healthy, unified church at CCSB? What is the motive behind what you are doing? Check your heart honestly before the Lord. Are you doing what you do for the benefit of others and the glory of God, or is there a deceptive desire for personal gain or glory?

Spend time with God in prayer about this, and cry out to the Holy Spirit to strengthen what needs strengthening, and change what needs changing.

**Hide God's Word in your heart (Ps. 119:11):**

“Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23-24