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Titus – “Hold fast the faithful word”

Session 5

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“Turn to the truth”

Paul acknowledges the challenge for the leadership in Crete is difficult because those they seek to lead are **“giving heed”** to legalism in the form of **“Jewish fables and commandments of men”**; and that’s a hard bondage to break. Therefore he commands them to be firm and direct in turning them back to the truth. If a church is going to be **“sound in the faith,”** it must base its thinking and actions on what God’s Word says, not on what man says. And so a true leader will lead others to Jesus Christ and the truth of His Word. When we come up against issues in the church, whether they are doctrinal or relational, we must be sure to turn to the truth, not away from it, if we are to be a church that is sound in the faith.

Passage: Titus 1:12-14

Personal Study Time Questions:

Scripture: Titus 1:12

Paul acknowledges the reality of what the appointed leaders will be dealing with at Crete. They are not basing their beliefs on the truth, and it shows in their lifestyle. What does **“a prophet of their own”** even say about the people of Crete?

Scripture: Titus 1:14a

What are many at Crete **“giving heed to”**?

Scripture: Titus 1:13

What action does Paul call for Titus and the leadership to take which shows how serious a problem this can be? What is the goal of dealing with this issue so strongly?

Scripture: Titus 1:14b

What does Paul want the leadership to turn the people to so that they will indeed become sound in the faith?

Scripture: John 17:17

What does turning to the Word of God as our source of truth do for our lives? In your own words, explain what that means?

Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:3-7

Paul was helping Timothy deal with a similar problem in Ephesus. What **“purpose”** does Paul give for correcting those in error (v.5), and should always be our motivation for turning people to the truth of God’s Word?

Personal meditation time with Jesus:

Spend some time before the Lord meditating on what this lesson has taught you about the importance of basing all you think, say, or do on what the Word of God actually says, not what man says or thinks (and that includes our own opinions!).

What must be the primary focus of your walk, and of your fellowship with Jesus, if you are to be “**sound in the faith**”? Also, when you seek to encourage others in this, or steer them away from “**fables and the commandments of men**”, what **MUST** be your motivation? Where are you at in all this? What areas do you need to grow in? Spend some time in prayer, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you get there.

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

“And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 8:32