

## Serving Through Confrontation

**Read:** Titus 1:10-16

**Main Idea:** Faithful service often requires the courage to confront falsehood in love and uphold truth for the sake of Christ and His church.

**Key Verses:** “This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, not devoting themselves to Jewish myths or to the commands of men who turn away from the truth.” (1:13-14)

### Key Principles:

- False teachers must be confronted because they are insubordinate, spreading empty and deceptive words that disrupt the church and lead to division.
- Leaders are called to silence error motivated by greed, protect households and preserve the purity of the gospel.
- Confrontation involves sharp rebuke to restore soundness in faith, rejecting myths and human commands that turn from truth.
- True purity comes from a heart and mind cleansed by faith in Christ while defiled minds and consciences corrupt everything, even while claiming knowledge of God.
- Those who deny God through ungodly behavior disqualify themselves from good works before God and must be exposed.
- Biblical confrontation aims at restoration and health in the church, guarding against deception and promoting godliness.

### Discussion:

1. How does this passage reveal the urgency of confronting false teaching in the church? What dangers arise when leaders fail to address it?
2. In what ways do cultural stereotypes or societal pressures, like the Cretan reputation for lying and laziness, mirror modern challenges to sound doctrine?
3. When has confronting error in your life or community led to greater soundness in faith? How can we discern between necessary rebuke and unnecessary conflict?
4. Considering the emphasis on purity of mind and conscience, how can we rely on God's grace to guard against internal defilement with all the external influences?
5. How do stories of confronting deception in our group inspire us to uphold truth, fostering thankfulness for the gospel's transforming power?
6. Why does proving faith through works prepare us for lasting gospel impact, and how might deepening our obedience reflect courage in service?

### Prayer:

- Pray for courage to confront falsehood in love within the church.
- Pray for
  - Wisdom for leaders to rebuke sharply and restore soundness in faith.
  - Protection from myths and deceptive teachings that turn from truth.
  - Purity of mind and conscience, proving our faith through godly works.

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| <b>I. We must confront the <u>divisive</u>.</b>          | <b>1:10-11</b> |
| 1. They are <u>destitute</u> in how they <u>talk</u> .   | 1:10           |
| 2. They are <u>dangerous</u> in what they <u>think</u> . | 1:10-11        |
| 3. They are <u>dishonest</u> in why they <u>teach</u> .  | 1:11           |
| <b>II. We must confront the <u>deceived</u>.</b>         | <b>1:12-14</b> |
| 1. <u>Rebuke liars</u> sharply.                          | 1:12-13        |
| 2. <u>Reject myths</u> definitively.                     | 1:13-14        |
| <b>III. We must confront the <u>defiled</u>.</b>         | <b>1:15-16</b> |
| 1. Keep your <u>mind</u> and <u>conscience</u> pure.     | 1:15           |
| 2. Prove your <u>faith</u> by your <u>works</u> .        | 1:16           |

NEXT WEEK:  
**Serving in God's Grace**  
Titus 2:1-15