

When It's Necessary

Titus 1:9-16



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⁹ *holding to the faithful message as taught, so that he will be able both to encourage with sound teaching and to refute those who contradict it. ¹⁰ For there are many rebellious people, full of empty talk and deception, especially those from the circumcision party. ¹¹ It is necessary to silence them; they are ruining entire households by teaching what they shouldn't in order to get money dishonestly. ¹² One of their very own prophets said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons..."*

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... ¹³ *This testimony is true. For this reason, rebuke them sharply, so that they may be sound in the faith*
¹⁴ *and may not pay attention to Jewish myths and the commands of people who reject the truth.* ¹⁵ *To the pure, everything is pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; in fact, both their mind and conscience are defiled.* ¹⁶ *They claim to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, and unfit for any good work.*

When It is “Necessary to
silence them...”
Titus 1:10



1. Necessary Instructions

“It is necessary..”

- *“Refute those who contradict it..”* (sound teaching), v. 9
To convict, to show to be wrong, to convince of error
- *“Silence them..”* v. 11
To muzzle, to stop the mouth, to put to silence
- *“Rebuke them sharply..”* v. 13. The same word as v. 9 – *“sharply”* – firmly, abruptly, “it is sometimes necessary to be rude to protect others...”

1. Necessary Instructions

Why is “*it necessary...*” to sharply address false teaching?

- It contradicts the Truth, v. 9
- It was “*ruining (to turn away) entire households...*” v. 11
- It corrupts the mind, conscience & character, v. 12,15
- It denies the power of the gospel, v. 16

Ill. Jesus silenced the religious leaders of his day

Matt. 22:15,22; 23,34; 35,46

Ill: Rev.

2. A Necessary Explanation

- This is not a call for violence
- Dialogue cannot fix everything, v. 10 some were “*full of empty talk & deception*” (See Titus 3:9-11)
- Don't give False teachers a platform (Rev. 2:13,15; 2:20-22)
- There are times for teachers to be exposed and removed.

3. A Necessary Examination

- Am I the right kind of example: my Talk (v. 9-13) & my Walk (v. 16)
- Are my motives, right? V. 11
- Am I a benefit or hinderance to God's Kingdom?
V. 15-16