



“Troublemakers”

A Call to Action
Titus 1:10-16

There’s a problem with their:

I. Words – “Whose mouths must be stopped” (vs. 10-11)

Speech that is:

A. Defiant – “*There are many unruly*”

B. Deceptive – “*vain talkers and deceivers*”

C. Divisive - “*who subvert whole houses*”

II. Witness – “This witness is true.” (vs. 12-14)

A reputation for being:

A. Liars - “*are always liars*”

B. Lazy – “*slow bellies*”

C. Legalistic – “*Jewish fables, and commandments of men*”

III. Works – “, and to every good work reprobate” (vs. 15-16)

Works that are:

A. Defiled – “*their mind and conscience is defiled*”

B. Detestable – “*being abominable*”

C. Disobedient – “*and disobedient*”

Sentence Sermon

Healthy, growing churches handle conflict directly, biblically, and humbly. Adapted from C. Nieuwhof

Additional Verses

- *Proverbs 20:3*
- *Titus 3:10*
- *I Timothy 4:4*
- *Matthew 7:15-20*
- *II John 1:7-8*
- *Romans 16:17; 12:18*
- *I Peter 2:1-25*
- *Acts 20:29-30*
- *Proverbs 21:23*
- *Matthew 18:8-9*
- *I Corinthians 6:12*
- *Mark 7:15*

Questions to Ponder

1. What are the key words or phrases in this passage?
2. Who are the central characters of the passage?
3. Why is the passage on leaders followed by a passage about troublemakers?
4. Why do you think that there were “many” troublemakers?
5. Why is it so important that the mouths of troublemakers be stopped?
6. What’s wrong with Jewish fables and commandments of men?
7. What is “the truth” that troublemakers are turning others from?
8. Who are “the pure” and who are the defiled?
9. What is the connection between theological error and moral deficiency?
10. Why does God consider the troublemakers detestable and unfit?
11. What kind of troublemakers do churches have today?