

“They Profess to Know God”

Intro: Having learned of biblical qualities possessed by those whom God ordains to lead Christ’s church (vs. 5-9), this morning we learn how to deal with and identify those who oppose His church (vs. 10-16). For study these verses can be divided into two sections: Righteous men are to _____ rebellious men (vs. 10-11) and, The proof of the need for reproof (vs. 12-16). Family, we _____ Christ in His church by ordaining those who are biblical as well as by denouncing those who anti-biblical.

I. Righteous men are to _____ men.

A. False teachers are:

- 1. Rebellious: _____ to God.**
- 2. Those who speak what is not of God, what is spiritually useless and _____. Their message is powerless to save and transform. Their adulterated truth is no truth, being _____ of grace and faith.**
- 3. Motivated by _____ - _____ gain. They are materialistic and teach so as to gain _____ from those whose ears they tickle. They often preach about money.**
- 4. Those who indiscriminately seek to _____ and conquer entire families, and even entire church families for the sake of sordid gain.**

B. How shall we minister Christ to these? True believers must _____ and _____ false teachers.

II. The _____ that _____ teachers need to be reproved.

A. Cretans in general and false teachers specifically are _____:

- 1. Crafty liars, corrupt beasts and careless cravers of _____.**

2. Being in their sin and unbelieving, everything about false teachers is totally _____ (though for the redeemed of God all things are pure). They themselves are defiled being an abomination before God. There is nothing in their mind, thought, word, conscience and actions that is of redeeming value. Unlike the God-ordained biblically-qualified elders of the church these, in their current state, are rejected and _____ to God for any ministry.

B. _____ shall we _____ Christ to false teachers and any under their teaching?

1. By the truth of God's Word they must be _____ and taught to reject myths while receiving the truth of Christ. _____ the proclamation of _____ they must be reprovved and taught to reject the commandments of those who have rejected the truth of salvation by grace through faith in Jesus.

2. Who knows? Perhaps God will grant them _____ even as He did the Apostle Paul who once was a false teacher and a persecutor of the church!

Closing: Church! _____ this commandment from _____: righteous men are to silence rebellious men. This is because rebellious men are deceptive empty talkers who teach what is anti-Christ. Their motive is money, and they are so evil that they are willing to ruin and divide the church and the families of the church.

The proof of our need to reprove _____ teachers is found in this: they are not pure but totally defiled and though they profess to know God their deeds absolutely deny Him. We must obediently and diligently _____ them by clearly presenting them with the Word of God, bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to bear upon them.

Let us make sure of our righteousness in _____ by believing in Him, following after Him, and being obedient students of His Word. Then He will have _____ us to obey this commandment, silencing false teachers.

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