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Today's Scripture Passage: Titus 1:10-16

¹⁰For there are many rebellious people, mere talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision group. ¹¹They must be silenced, because they are ruining whole households by teaching things they ought not to teach--and that for the sake of dishonest gain. ¹²Even one of their own prophets has said, "Cretans are always liars, evil brutes, lazy gluttons." ¹³This testimony is true. Therefore, rebuke them sharply, so that they will be sound in the faith ¹⁴and will pay no attention to Jewish myths or to the commands of those who reject the truth. ¹⁵To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. ¹⁶They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

Sound Doctrine = hygienic teaching that is in working order, healthy, working together (i.e. Gospel-Shaped)

Paul's solution to false teaching is to appoint leaders with Gospel-Shaped character who hold to the Gospel so that they can use it to encourage the church and refute those who oppose the Gospel.

Questions for Reflection

- When you read Paul's description of false teachers, what contemporary false teachers or issues come to your mind?
- Have you seen false teaching ruin a person, family, church?
- Have you ever been rebuked by a more mature believer because you were teaching or talking about something that wasn't healthy?
- Are there speculations about the Bible that have distracted you from becoming a Christian or from becoming a Gospel-Shaped Christian?
- Are there human commands you have had to sift through to become more shaped by the Gospel than by man?