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15 To 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. 16 They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good. NIV

### Identifying a false teacher...1:9-14

What is *one fundamental requirement* for an Elder? 1:9; Col.1:24-29; Heb.13:17; James 3:1

**He must hold firmly to sound doctrine and be able to exhort (encourage) / refute as req'd.**

Continuing this theme, *why* must the Elder be thus gifted? 1:10-11a (silenced=muzzled)

**There are many rebels/talkers/deceivers, especially Jews, that MUST be silenced! Critical!**

Why must these deceivers be silenced? 1:11b (ruining=subverting, overthrowing); ITim.4:16

**Their teachings are ruining whole households by teaching errors! Doctrinal error is fatal.**

What was the *character* of these Cretans, including the false teachers? 1:12 also 1:10-11

**Liars, evil brutes (following unrestrained impulses), lazy gluttons! And, it's true (Paul).**

What's the command to Titus? 1:13a What is implied about some false teachers? 1:13b

**Rebuke them sharply. Some false teachers were believers, from within. Acts 20:28-31**

What was the general error being pushed by these false teachers? 1:14; ITim.1:4; Gal.5:9

**Jewish myths and commands (law keeping). Myths are often numerology / genealogy.**

How does Paul identify this Jewish legalism to Timothy? ITim.1:3-7 always works or grace!

**He calls it strange doctrines, myths, endless genealogies. Want to teach Law, but/ignorant.**

### Identifying the 'detestable...' false teachers...1:15-16

What is behind the '...all things are pure...' statement? 1:15-16 see ITim.4:1-5; Mt.15:1-20

**Forbidding marriage, dietary laws, holy days, etc. A corrupt mind makes 'things' corrupt.**

What is true about these particular false teachers? 1:16a Mt.7:15-20

**They claim to be Christians, but their lives deny Him. By their fruit you shall know them.**

And finally, what is Paul's judgment upon them? 1:16b

**They are detestable (to stink), disobedient (un-persuadable), unfit for any good work!**

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What applications do we have for the 'non-elders' in a church? Heb.13:17;

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