

SUGGESTED VERSES FOR MEMORIZATION & MEDITATION

- For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. (Titus 1:10-11)
- They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work. (Titus 1:16)

READ VERSES 10-11 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

1. Paul begins his description of false teachers by calling them insubordinate, who ones who do not submit themselves to authority. In what ways are false teachers always insubordinate?
2. Can you think of well-known examples of preachers who might be empty-talkers or deceivers?

READ VERSES 12-14 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

3. Knowing particularly that those on the island of Crete were known for their immorality, Paul encourages Titus to rebuke them sharply. What did Paul hope to achieve commanding Titus to rebuke them?
4. How should biblical rebuking look, and in what ways can it be abused, misused, or unused?

READ VERSES 15-16 AND DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING

5. The apostle ends the chapter by claiming that these false teachers profess to know God but deny Him by their works. In what ways can our actions contradict our words?

ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

- Take time to consider how your verbal profession of Christ matches your daily actions. List a few ways that you might grow in better living out your faith.
- Pray specifically for anyone you know that submits themselves to false teachings, and pray for wisdom to identify false teachers.