

1. In this portion Paul again attacks false teachers who have infiltrated the assembly. In verse 10, who are those of circumcision party.
2. What mistaken teaching(s) today are the successors to the circumcision error of the early church?
3. What makes this error so serious that Paul has to address it with such severity?
4. Where else in Scripture do we read of deceivers worming their way into homes?
5. Cretans receive some sharp criticism in verse 12. Are they the only people who fit this description?

*To put it another way:*

Titus 1:10-11 (KJV) For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision: Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre's sake.

Titus 1:10-11 (ESV) 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 (NASB) For there are many rebellious men, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, who must be silenced because they are upsetting whole families, teaching things they should not teach for the sake of sordid gain.

*Cross references*

1Tim 1:5-7 (NKJV) Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, desiring to be teachers of the law, understanding neither what they say nor the things which they affirm.

6. What are the Jewish myths of verse 14?
  
7. Explain verse 15. Does it mean that any behavior is acceptable for the Christian?
  
8. Read verse 16. How can one's actions deny God?

### Wrap Up

What does this passage say about:

The Savior:

The Christian walk:

The assembly:

### Cross references

2 Tim 3:6 (NASB) For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses.

1 Tim 6:3-5 (NASB) If anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing; but he has a morbid interest in controversial questions and disputes about words, out of which arise envy, strife, abusive language, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of depraved mind and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain.

Col 2:20-22 (NASB) If you have died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world, why, as if you were living in the world, do you submit yourself to decrees, such as, "Do not handle, do not taste, do not touch!" (which all refer to things destined to perish with use)--in accordance with the commandments and teachings of men?

1 John 2:4 (NASB) The one who says, "I have come to know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

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