“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-ordainedbiblically-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 reproved 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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