

**The Epistle of Titus**  
**Chapter 1 verses 10-16 – Pastor Charles A. Hall**  
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**Verse 10** - In this verse the apostle Paul is referring to the Jewish community and particular its leaders whom he calls unruly (disorderly), vain talkers (useless) and deceivers (liars) who are trying to impose a requirement of circumcision on the Cretans as necessary to receive God's salvation.

**Verse 11** – Paul states firmly that the Jews who demand circumcision as a requirement of salvation must be silenced or silenced because they subvert (destabilize) or weaken entire households by teaching a false doctrine. They are teaching what they should not be teaching for the sake of money.

**Verse 12** – The Cretans were known in the ancient world for their moral corruption, their personal conduct was treacherous and unjust, they considered robbery as honorable. Paul refers to one of their own race a Cretan Poet by the name of Epimenides, who calls the Cretans liars, evil beasts (wicked and corrupt) and slow bellies (lazy person) just to prove a point.

**Verse 13** – Paul tells Titus that the testimonies of the Cretans are true, so his task was to rebuke (disapprove) them quickly, so that their faith will be based on sound doctrine.

**Verse 14** – Paul instructs Titus to rebuke and correct them quickly so that they will not give in to Jewish fables (Jewish fairy tales) and the commandments given by men who turn the truth of God into a lie. Paul's focus on false teaching is coming clearly from those of Jewish background.

**Verse 15** – In this verse it is believed that Paul was referring to the Jewish laws concerning the eating of certain foods. Paul tells Titus that to those that are pure from the law then all things are pure, however those that are deceived by the ritual of the law are defiled by their own unbelief and sin, and even their minds and consciences are defiled.

- Mark 7:1-9
- Romans 14:14

**Verse 16** – Those Jews that try to force their laws and commandments on the Cretans claim to know God, however in actual righteous deeds or actions they deny him, by their horrible and disobedient works (behavior) which are reprobate (wrong in the sight of God).

- Matthew 7:20-23