

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

- Ch 1- qualifications of church leadership – theology/personal character
- Ch 2- character and conduct of church- among themselves
- Ch 3- character and conduct of church- before unbelieving world

1) We see in the letter to Titus God’s plan for **STRONG CHURCHES**; *not only* proclaiming truth, but also living out the **POWER** of transformation in Jesus Christ.

2) vs 9 The “*foolish controversies*” referred to are **DISCUSSIONS** and debates with an emphasis **NOT** on seeking truth, but rather especially on that which is controversial. It is debate to push a personal position.

3) vs 10 Reference is made to “*a factious man*”. This is someone within the church who is placing their own **SELF-WILLED** opinion above the clear **TRUTH** of Scripture.

4) vs 10 To “Admonish (*warn*)” someone in a biblical fashion literally means “**to put into the mind**”. The aim is always towards bringing spiritual **UNDERSTANDING** through clear biblical instruction.

5) Church **DISCIPLINE** as found in the Bible, is always administered in a way that’s loving, **RESTORATIVE**, and redemptive.

6) In vs 14 we see the **SIXTH TIME** in which we are given the directive to “*engage in good deeds*”. Properly carried out, this activity advances the Kingdom of Christ and is a **LIVING** demonstration of the power of the **TRANSFORMING** nature of the gospel.

Periistemi (per-ee-is'-tay-mee) -going around someone/something to avoid it (aloof) to *keep away* from :- shun

Zetesis dzay'-tay-sis (zeteo); a *searching* (properly the act), a question:- to seek, search after

Moros (mo-ros') stupid (moron) *dull* (as if *shut up*), [*heedless*] *blockhead*, *absurd*

Hairetikos (hahee-ret-ee-kos') a *schismatic*:- (heretic) self-chosen viewpoint

Manthano - learn through instruction; experientially

THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER IN THE WEEK AHEAD

It’s not possible for a single pastor or even a team of pastors in a growing church to meet all of the needs of a congregation. Not only is there not enough time, but you have spiritual gifts/abilities the pastor does not have. If you desire the church to be a light to the world for Christ, what specific area of ministry might you be able to help by serving within?

How can I live the principles of this message?

How might these issues affect my prayer life this week?
