

# BLUE PRINTS

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## OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

### Message Title: **How To Spot False Teaching**

Titus 1:10-16 NKJV | Sunday AM, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 | Pastor Jack Lamb

<sup>10</sup> For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision, <sup>11</sup> whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain. <sup>12</sup> One of them, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” <sup>13</sup> This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, <sup>14</sup> not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth. <sup>15</sup> To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. <sup>16</sup> They profess to know God, but in works they deny *Him*, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

### **Introduction**

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# 1. Understanding False Teachers – vs. 10-12

False Teachers do NOT...

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ to Spiritual Authority**

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**B. Focus on Issues of the \_\_\_\_\_**

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**C. Seek the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Flock**

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## Application Questions:

1. What is the connection between rebellion and deception?  
Does one lead to the other?
2. When should wise church leadership patiently counsel those whose teaching is errant and when should they see that they are “silenced”?
3. How can you distinguish between preaching that is expository and preaching that is speculative?
4. Beyond clean/unclean foods, what are some modern examples of issues where the “commandments of men” turn us from the truth?
5. What does verse 16 teach us about someone who makes a profession of faith but never demonstrates any change?

## Notes

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**BE A DOER.** Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?