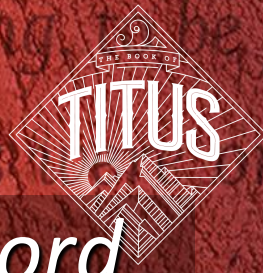


How to be an Influencer in a Nearly Impossible to Influence Culture

Influential Leaders



⁹ He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

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Titus 1:9-16

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Titus 2:15 *These, then, are the things you should teach. Encourage and rebuke with all authority. Do not let anyone despise you.*

Hebrews 13:17 *“Obey your leaders and submit to them; for they keep watch over your souls, as those who will give an account.”*

See also 1 Timothy 5:17 & 1 Thessalonians 5:12

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¹² One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons."

¹³ This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴ not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.

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15 To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.

16 They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Discerning False Teaching

3 helpful ways to spot false teaching



1. Who do they say Jesus is?

(fully God, fully man)

2. **The gospel:** What do they say is the way to have a relationship with God?

Do they add to grace? (Eph 2:4-9)

3. What is our **authority for truth?**

(Sola Scriptura)