

THE NEED FOR QUALIFIED PASTORS

INTRODUCTION

Nehemiah’s challenge to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem (Nehemiah 4:17–18)

Titus’ mission to setting things in order in the churches of Crete resembled Nehemiah’s challenge: he needed to be a builder and defender (Titus 1:9)

In **Titus 1:10–16**, Paul presents 3 reasons why qualified pastors are essential for the health of the church.

1. To Silence False Teachers (10–11)
2. To Rebuke False Teachers (12–14)
3. To Expose False Teachers (15–16)

1) TO SILENCE FALSE TEACHERS (10–11)

“for” =

The character of the false teachers

“rebellious” =

“empty talkers” =

“deceivers” =

“those of the circumcision” =

The pastors and the false teachers

“who must be silenced” =

The tactics of the false teachers

“upsetting who families” =

The motivation of the false teachers

“sordid gain” =

2) TO REBUKE FALSE TEACHERS (12–14)

A quote from Epimenides (6th century BC): they were aligned with their culture

“liars” // “who turn away from the truth” (v. 14)
 “evil beasts” // “upsetting whole families” (v. 11)
 “lazy gluttons” // “for the sake of sordid gain” (v. 11)

A severe reprimand (“reprove them severely”)

A hope of restoration (“so that...”)

1 Timothy 1:25–26

3) TO EXPOSE FALSE TEACHERS (15–16)

Their identity: “the **pure**” // “those who are **defiled** and **unbelieving**”

The root of their problem (“their **mind** and their **conscience** are defiled”)

Their hypocrisy: “they **profess**” // “their **deeds**”

2 Timothy 3:5

Their evaluation:

“detestable” =
 “disobedient” =
 “worthless” =

CONCLUSION

Qualified pastors are needed not just to build up, but also to defend the church (Nehemiah 4:17–18)

Qualified pastors are need not just to plant, but also to pluck up (Jeremiah 1:10)