

## 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)