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Sunday, October 12, 2014

“SPIRITUAL WARNING SIGNS”

(Titus 1:10-16)

Paul’s letter to Titus contains encouraging words and challenging words. Today we take on the challenges to churches caused by false teaching, divisiveness, and conflict. How can believers address such complex issues in Christ-honoring ways?

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12, ESV).

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1, ESV).

There is a _____ that must be protected. (John 15:4-5, ESV).

There is a _____ to follow. (Hebrews 4:12, ESV).

There is a _____ to follow. (Matthew 18:15-17, ESV).

There are _____ to involve. (Proverbs 15:22, ESV).

There is an _____ to live out. (Colossians 3:16, ESV).

There is a _____ to say things. (Colossians 3:8, ESV).

There is a _____ to say things. (Ephesians 4:29, ESV).

There is a _____ in mind. (2 Corinthians 5:18, ESV).

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“I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil” (Romans 16:17-19, ESV).

Jesus said, *“I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18, ESV).*

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12, ESV).

“Diotrephes, who likes to put himself first, does not acknowledge our authority” (3 John 9, ESV).

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Psalm 139:23-24, ESV).

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness” (Galatians 6:1, ESV).

“For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party” (Titus 1:10, ESV).

“They must be silenced” (Titus 1:11, ESV).

“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” (Titus 1:15, ESV).

“They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work” (Titus 1:16, ESV).

“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4-5, ESV).

There is a relationship that must be protected.

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12, ESV).

There is a standard to follow.

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector” (Matthew 18:15-17, ESV).

There is a process to follow.

“Without counsel plans fail, but with many advisers they succeed” (Proverbs 15:22, ESV).

There are others to involve.

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16, ESV).

There is an attitude to live out.

“But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth” (Colossians 3:8, ESV).

There is a wrong way to say things.

“Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29, ESV).

There is a right way to say things.

“All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation” (2 Corinthians 5:18, ESV).

There is a goal in mind.