

### CIM #3: TITUS 1:10-16 "GUARD THE FLOCK"

*Why Good Shepherds Must Confront Dangerous Ideas*

In the 1930s, while most of Britain and Europe were desperate to avoid another war after the horrors of World War I, Churchill repeatedly warned Parliament and the British people about the growing threat of **Adolf Hitler** and **Nazi Germany**. He called attention to: Germany's **rearmament** in violation of the Treaty of Versailles Hitler's **expansionist ideology** in *Mein Kampf* The dangers of **appeasement** and ignoring early aggression. Churchill was **relentless**, giving speech after speech warning that peace without preparation was an illusion. **The Response:** He was dismissed as a **warmonger, alarmist, and out-of-touch relic**. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain instead pursued a strategy of appeasement with Hitler, famously declaring "peace for our time."

- Churchill warned of Hitler while every1 wanted peace any cost. Pastors run same risk dismissed raise alarms not about armies, about ideologies quietly infiltrate the Church.

**There things not peace with. The Devil. His strategies undermine faith G Ppl by pervert Truth**

**MP: A good church is a community of growing believers rooted in gospel truth and shaped by gospel grace. Faithful leaders cultivate a culture where this is believed, lived, and fiercely protected.**

- Not leaders point out petty differences in preferences, make living criticizing.

CONTEXT: All sorts perversions of the gospel. Ideas and false beliefs circulating among these young Christians were disrupting their relationship with God and Family.

#### **GOD'S PEOPLE ARE UNDER CONSTANT THREAT**

**DEVIL'S STRATEGY – SPIRITUAL MATTER – HE USES PEOPLE (Garden as Serpent)**

Insubordinate (Defy/Rebel church leadership) - Empty Talkers (miss matters) – conversation never is centered on what it should be - Deceivers (cloak falsehood with veneer truth) – underlying message conflict God's truth – **intention draw u away/in.**

**THEY ATTACK HOW AND WHAT YOU BELIEVE.**

How and what you believe is the essence of a saving relationship with God through Jesus gospel. **JESUS SPEAKING TO JEWS WHO HAD AN APPEARANCE OF BELIEF. HEART**

John 8:31-32 So Jesus said to the Jews who had *believed* him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." **HOW - WHAT**

- **How You Believe Matters:** Kind - abide: affirm, receive, and live **WOVEN INTO THE FABRIC OF WHO YOU ARE. BRINGING REL TRUTH TRANSFORMATIONAL**
- **What You Believe Matters:** Jewish Myths, Legalism of Judaizers – **THE TRUTH**

**You can't be saved or set free by believing whatever you want. NEED SOUND DOCTRINE**

#### **GOD'S LEADERS ARE CALLED TO IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THREATS**

**PAUL CALLS 4 PUBLIC CORRECTION** - Not harass, or harsh but surgical love.

- Silence them is not cancel culture but protecting the flock – **RESTORING CONF**

**3THINGS GOOD SHEPHERDS KNOW** Sheep will eat whatever is in front of them, even if it's toxic. Poor nutrition leads to weak and vulnerable sheep. Called to feed and fight; to carry the rod and staff.

#### **THE THREAT IS REAL TODAY**

2 Timothy 4:3-4 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. MASS CONTENT. I'M GOING TO WARN U 5DANG IDEO

## PROSPERITY GOSPEL

**Lie:** This teaching makes God a means to our personal success, Jesus becomes a brand, not a King. Attractive in Vegas, the allure of success, wealth, and image.

**Danger:** It feeds pride, distorts suffering, and replaces God with self.

**Truth:** The gospel is not about using God to get more of the world; it's about God giving us Himself. At the cross, Jesus didn't purchase comfort and cash; He gave His life to make us holy and whole. In Christ, we gain something far greater than stuff; we gain the Savior who suffered for us, walks with us, and promises eternal joy that outlasts any earthly prize.

**Commit:** Preach and live Christ crucified, the call to suffer, and the joy of denying self.

Luke 9:23, Philippians 1:29, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

## MORAL THERAPEUTIC DEISM

**Lie:** MTD teaches that God is distant and wants people to be nice, feel good, and go to heaven if they live decent lives.

**Danger:** It strips the gospel of repentance, redemption, and sanctification.

**Truth:** Jesus didn't die to make you nice, He died to make you new. The gospel isn't about being good enough to go to heaven. It's about a holy God who came down to rescue sinful people and make them sons and daughters. Real love doesn't simply affirm, it transforms. And Christ doesn't just want your comfort; He wants your heart, fully alive in Him.

**Commit:** Preach the holiness of God, the seriousness of sin, and the sufficiency of Christ, not just feed on spiritual comfort food.

Titus 2:11-14, John 14:6

## DECONSTRUCTIONISM

**Lie:** Deconstruction often encourages believers to question or dismantle foundational Christian doctrines, masquerading as spiritual maturity, often under the guise of "authenticity" or "healing from church hurt."

**Danger:** It replaces Scripture with personal experience and often leads not to reformation, but apostasy.

**Truth:** Jesus can handle your questions, but He doesn't need to be reinvented, He needs to be received. The gospel doesn't collapse under scrutiny, it shines. If you're doubting, come to the One who said, "I am the truth." He welcomes the wounded, confronts the confused, and offers a faith that is deeper than feelings and stronger than cultural shifts. Don't deconstruct your foundation, build your life on the Rock.

**Commit:** Teach a robust theology of doubt, suffering, and church history, *and* affirm the beauty and authority of historic orthodoxy. Regularly self-inspect for religious systems.

2 Timothy 4:3-4, Jude 3

## NEW AGE SPIRITUALITY (Manifesting, Energy, Syncretism)

**Lie:** The rise of "Christianized" New Age practices, manifesting, crystals, astrology, and energy healing, masquerading as faith. Att buffet of spirituality.

**Danger:** It introduces pagan spirituality into Christian practice and subtly replaces dependence on God with self-empowerment.

**Truth:** The gospel isn't about harnessing energy, it's about surrendering to a Savior. You don't need to manifest a better future when the God of eternity has already written your story in grace. Jesus isn't a cosmic force; He's a loving Lord who gave His life to rescue yours. He's not an option on the spiritual buffet, He's the Bread of Life, the Light of the World, and the only name that saves.

**Commit:** Expose the spiritual roots of these practices and teach a Christ-centered theology of prayer, providence, and power.

Colossians 2:8, Deuteronomy 18:10-12

## **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY**

**Lie:** Redefine core doctrines of sin, atonement, authority of Scripture, sexuality, to be loving and inclusive.

**Danger:** It empties the gospel of its power, distorts biblical authority, and preaches a Jesus made in culture's image.

**Truth:** The gospel doesn't need to evolve, it is eternal. Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Real love doesn't edit truth; it embodies it. Christ didn't come to affirm every identity, He came to redeem every heart. In a world chasing relevance, the gospel remains radiant because it offers not just inclusion, but redemption, reconciliation, and resurrection.

**Commit:** Equip the church to hold fast to truth *with grace*, and show how love and truth are not enemies but inseparable.

Galatians 1:6-9, John 1:14

***Love doesn't just comfort, it defends. And when the truth is under attack, love stands up, speaks up, and stays the course with God and His people.***

**Jesus came to free you from deception and destruction. Way  
Truth Life. Broad is way that leads to destruction narrow gate**

**DEVELOP LEADERS WHO DO THAT. ORDINATION - RAMSEY**