**Grace Women Fellowship – November 2024**

**Titus 1:10-16(ESV):**

**10) For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party.11) They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. 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. 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.**

**Titus 1:10-16(KJ):**

**10) For there are many unruly and vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the uncircumcision; 11) Whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake. 12) One of themselves, even a prophet of their own, said, The Cretians are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies. 13) This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;14) Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth. 15) Unto the pure all things are pure, but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16) They profess that they know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

**Titus 1:10-16(Amplified):**

**10) For there are many disorderly and unruly men who are idle (vain, empty) and misleading talkers and self-deceivers, as well as deceiving others. (This is true) especially of those (who have come over from Judaism) of the circumcision party. 11) Their mouths must be stopped, for they are mentally distressing and subverting whole families by teaching what they ought not to teach, for the purpose of getting base advantage and disreputable gain. 12) One of their (very) number, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars, hurtful beasts, idle and lazy gluttons. 13) And this account of them is (really) true. Because it is (true), rebuke them sharply-deal sternly, (even) severely with them-so that they may be sound in the faith and free from error, 14) (And may show their soundness by) ceasing to give attention to Jewish myths and fables or to rules (laid down) by (mere) men who reject and turn their backs on the Truth. 15) To the pure (in heart and conscience) all things are pure, but to the defiled and corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure, their very mind and conscience are defiled and polluted. 16) They profess to know God-to recognize, perceive and be acquainted with Him-but deny and disown and renounce Him by what they do; they are detestable and loathsome, unbelieving and disobedient and disloyal and rebellious, and (they are) unfit and worthless for good work (deed or enterprise) of any kind.**

**Meditation Verse for November:**

***Proverbs 4:4 --He taught me and said to me, “Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.”***

***Hymn –O for a Closer Walk with God***

**Activities and Discussion:**

1. **Read all of Titus 1**
2. **Read Titus 1:10-16 daily in all three versions, and any others you may have.**

**Define:**

**Myths/Fables:**

**Circumcision Party:**

**Abominable:**

**Questions:**

1. **Read Proverbs 4 – How does Titus 1:10-16 apply the words of Proverbs 4?**
2. **Who was to be stopped from teaching? Why?**
3. **How were the Cretans described? By whom?**

1. **Why were the stopped teachers to be rebuked as well?**
2. **What were the Jewish myths and fables? Do we have similar beliefs today in the church?**
3. **Who was responsible for rebuking these teachers in Crete? Who is responsible for rebuking similar teachers in today’s church?**

1. **What is the role of a church member in evaluating their teachers?**