Cretans Are Always Liars

Tony Mauck · Titus 1:12–2:1

INTRODUCTION

- Too many people, not enough concrete. That's the problem. And beyond that, people drive selfishly.
- It's about where they want to go, and it doesn't matter where you want to go.

1 Generalizations Make a Point

Titus 1:12–13; Titus 1:5

- Generalizations make a point. They summarize what is generally true.
- And when you generalize, important cautions can be issued. Some important warnings can be given to assist people to live better and to live higher.
- Paul says, one of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are always liars. Evil beasts and lazy gluttons.
- So there's got to be some people in Crete who are not this.

2 Jesus Used Generalizations as Well

Matthew 23

- Generalizations make a point. Jesus used generalizations as well.
- Jesus is saying, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. Was every scribe and Pharisee a hypocrite? I don't think so.
- I don't think he's saying that everybody who is a scribe and everybody who is a Pharisee was a hypocrite. But generally, it was so.

3 Americans Are Selfish, Ungodly, and Idolatrous

Acts 2:38; John 6:63; John 12:48

- But we need to beware of the culture in which we find ourselves generally.
- They can so often claim to follow Christ, but they do not follow Christ. They follow themselves. They make the rules.
- If they want to reject the necessity of baptism in God's plan, they will ignore Acts 2:38.
- And when the focus is self, when the idols of entertainment and pleasure replace God, people will listen to their own hearts rather than the words that give life.

4 But as for You

Titus 2:1; Philippians 4:5

- But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine.
- But as for you, that says contrast. That says something different.

- That says you can't be like your society around you or your culture that can influence you. God wants you to be different.
- What happened to the forbearing spirit that Christians are supposed to have? Philippians chapter 4 and verse 5.

5 What's Different About You?

Philippians 2:5; 1 Timothy 2:9–10; Colossians 4:5

- What's different about you? What's different about us? Because we are people of the book.
- We need to dress in such a way that befits our calling and claim to be Christians.
- The Christian gives thought and consideration to the things that they say before they say them.
- Our meditation and our worship habits, the thoughts that we have about God on a frequent basis are reflection of the fact that we're different than those around us.

6 Your Commitment to Truth

John 8:32; John 15:18–20

- I want to be right. I want what I say to be truth. Because it is the truth that sets free.
- I can know what I need to know to please God and go to heaven. And I need to stand firmly on that, even if everybody else doesn't.
- It's not enough to just be right. I need to set myself to living right.
- But be transformed. That says different. That says, but as for you, be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

THE CHALLENGE

Stay the course. And the Lord will reward. And it will be worth all the sacrifices we've made in order to get there.

MY NOTES