

**HOW ARE ELDERS TO DEAL WITH FALSE TEACHERS  
AND THE IMPACT OF THEIR FALSE TEACHING?  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELDERS: Silencing the bad guys and reproofing their victims  
Titus 1:9c-16**

- I. **ELDERS ARE REQUIRED Holding fast the faithful Word so that they can REFUTE AND SILENCE CONTRADICTIONISTS (9-11)**
  
- II. **WHY MUST ELDERS MUST REFUTE AND SILENCE CONTRADICTIONISTS (10-16)**
  - A. **Because God absolutely requires elders do so and mandates their silencing (1:9-11)**
  
  - B. **BECAUSE OF THE GREAT DANGER TO HIS FLOCK**
    - 1. They are **upsetting the faith of whole households** with their false teaching (11,13b)
    - 2. **A description** of those DANGEROUS men to be refuted (10-13)
      - a) God's basic description of them: many rebellious, unbelieving, defiled detestable, disobedient, worthless men, messing with His church, by teaching error (jude 2 Cor 2)
      - b) The observable ways: empty talkers, deceivers false teachers, teaching the commandments of men, having turned away from the truth
      - c) Their motive: Taking greedy advantage (11b)
      - d) An illus, they are no different than the world: self serving evil liars (12-13a)
  
- III. **ELDERS MUST ALSO SEVERLY REPROOF OF THOSE WHO LISTEN TO THEM so that they would be healthy in the faith (13b-14)**
  
- IV. **A SUMMARY, THEIR FALSE PROFESSION VERSUS THE UGLY REALITY: The unseen revealed (15-16)**
  - A. They are Unbelieving and Internally Defiled (15)
  
  - B. They deny Him, being detestable, disobedient, worthless (16)