

12. If the false teacher refuses to repent and accept biblical correction, he proves himself to be devoid of the Spirit and a servant of the devil

13. Pastor-shepherds are responsible, not just to build up faith up but also to tear down teachings that are destructive to their flocks.

They must be ready to

② **CONFRONT** the false teachers

2186 ἐφίστημι *ephistemi*

= to stand at a particular place

= to stand ready

= to continue in, in spite of opposition

③ **REFUTE/ REPROVE** the false teachers

1651 ἐλέγχω *elegcho*

= to convict, find fault – with a suggestion of shame for the convicted

= to expose

= to call to account, show one his fault

④ **REBUKE** the false teachers

2008 ἐπιτιμάω *epitimaō*

= to fix a value upon

= to chide or censure severely

= to admonish or charge sharply

To fail to do so would be a betrayal of the pastors' ministry, calling and obligation

(Luke 20:1; 2 Tim 4:2; 2 Cor 10:5; Titus 1:9)

14. Teachers who have been identified as false should be exposed, for the warning and safeguarding of the believers.

For their sakes it is important to

⑤ **NAME** the false teachers

A. **EXAMPLE # 1:**

**HYMENAËUS and PHILETUS**

→ went astray from the truth

→ their talk spreads like gangrene

→ will lead to further ungodliness

B. **EXAMPLE # 2:**

**JANNES and JAMBRES**

→ opposed Moses = the truth

→ they will not make further progress

→ their folly will be made obvious to all

C. **EXAMPLE # 3:**

**ALEXANDER the coppersmith**

→ vigorously opposed Paul's teaching

→ he did much harm

→ Paul warned Timothy to be on guard

(2 Tim 2:15-19; 3:8-9; 4:9-15)

15. Pastors and church elders must be willing to

⑥ **SILENCE** the false teachers

1993 ἐπιστομίζω *epistomizo*

= to cause someone to stop talking

= to bridle or stop up the mouth

= to muzzle or gag

(Titus 1:10-11)

16. In order to be faithful to Christ, the church must be willing to impose its most extreme sanction

⑦ **REMOVE** the false teachers

3868 παραιτέομαι *paraitoomai*

= to shun, avoid

= to keep away from

= to have nothing to do with

- Paul handed Hymenaeus and Alexander over to Satan = he excommunicated them

(Titus 3:10-11; 1 Tim 1:19-20; 1 Cor 5:1-5)

17. The Scripture commands, not only leaders and pastors, but all believers

a) to avoid the false teachers

b) not to invite them into their homes

c) not to give them a greeting, a welcome or a blessing

d) not to support the false teachers

→ in order not to participate in the evil

→ but to be fellow workers with the truth

(Rom 16:17; 2 Jn 7, 10-11; 3 Jn 8)

18. Concerning those influenced or deceived by the false teachers the church is commanded

a) to have mercy on those who doubt

b) to snatch doubters from the fire

c) to be careful not to be polluted by those who are being helped

(Jude 20-23)