

The background is a photograph of a stone archway, likely part of a historic building. The arch is constructed from large, weathered stone blocks. A small, dark, rectangular opening is visible on the left side of the arch. The lighting is warm and slightly dim, creating a sense of depth and history.

Titus

CHRISTIANS IN CRETE

— Dealing With Opposition —

Titus 1:9 Holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.¹⁰ For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision,¹¹ whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not, for the sake of dishonest gain.

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Acts 17:21 For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

The Influencers

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The Influencers

2 Timothy 3:13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

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The Influenced

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,

Philippians 3:18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: ¹⁹ whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

The Insurrection

Titus 1:14 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.

The Resurrection

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become
sound doctrine: