



A STUDY THRU PAUL'S LETTER TO TITUS





The Lie of External Purity

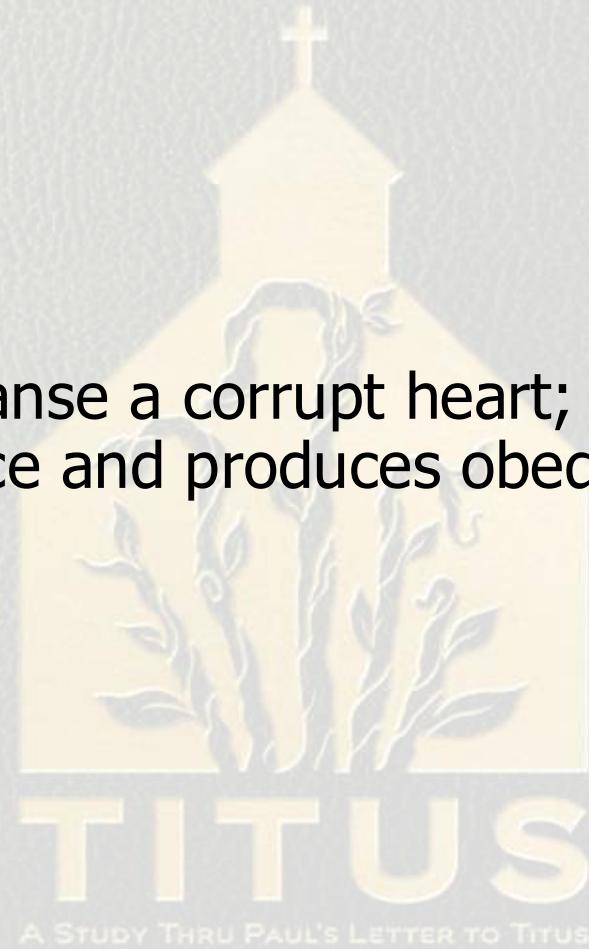
Titus 1:15-16

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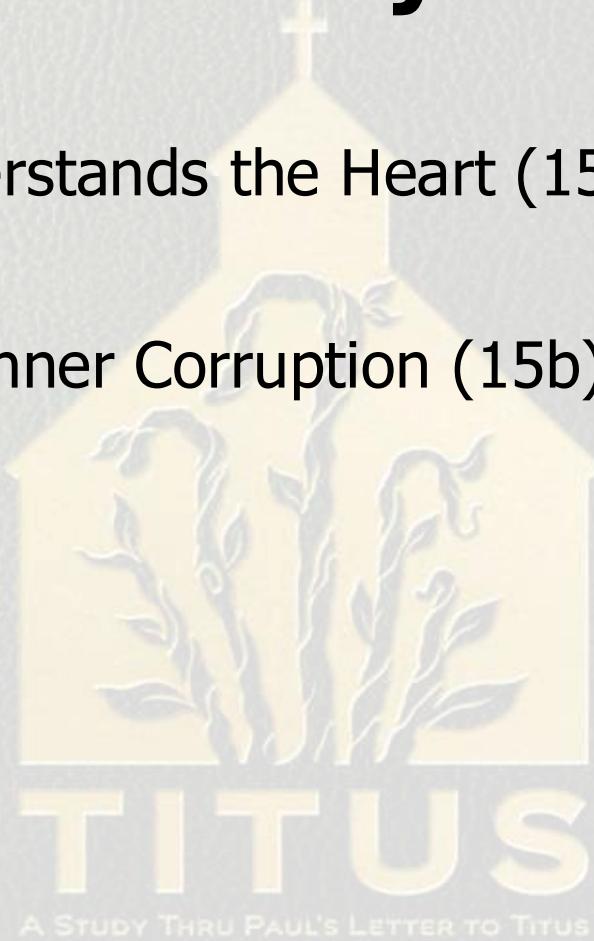
Lesson Theme:

“External rules cannot cleanse a corrupt heart; only the gospel purifies the conscience and produces obedient lives.”



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3 Kinds of Conscience

1. Weak Conscience (1 Cor. 8:7; Rom. 14:23)
2. Defiled / Seared Conscience (1 Tim. 4:1-2; Titus 1:15)
3. A Good (clear/clean) Conscience (Acts 24:16; Heb. 9:13; 10:22)



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III. External Purity Collapses Under the Weight of Works (16)

- A. They are Detestable
- B. They are Disobedient
- C. They are Worthless for any Good Deed

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Application:

- I. Examine Your Heart, Not Just Your Habits (Luke 6:45)
- II. Align Your Confession with Your Conduct (2:5b,8b,10)
- III. Guard Your Conscience and Mind (Heb. 9:14; 1 Pet. 3:15-16; Rom. 12:2; Col. 3:2)

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Small Group Discussion

1. How does a pure heart shape the way a believer sees and uses God's gifts, and how does this differ from a defiled mind?
2. How do people claim to know God yet deny Him by their works, and what does genuine faith inevitably produce?

