

**Make the Gospel
Attractive**

**Studies in
Paul's letter to Titus**

Danger – Men at Work!
Titus 1.10-16

1. The Gospel Challenges every Culture, v12

- *Is it Christian to be 'British'? Rom 12.2*
we must cultivate the mind of Christ Phil 2.5

2. Types of Problem People for Churches, v10

- *Rebels - the oldest sin of humanity Gen 2.16-17*
a peril for Christians Gal 5.1,13
we are called to submit
to God's delegated authorities
– in the state, family, workplace, and church
1 Pet 2.13-18; 3.1-2; 5.5
Num 17.10; Prov 24.21; Tit 3.1
- *Empty talkers*
plenty to say, but little activity
don't be lazy – be eager to do good
1.12; 2.4-5,7,14; 3.1,8,14

2. Types of Problem People for Churches, v10

- **Legalists – deceivers, misleading people**
advocating adherence to rules
issue settled at church conference Ac 15.7-11
explained in Paul's letters
Gal 2.3-5,15-16; 3.10,24-25; 5.1-4,6
dynamic of Holy Spirit is vital Gal 3.2-5
- **Speculators, v14 – flights of fancy 3.9**
in place of God's revelation
- **Liberals, v14 – rejecting God's truth**
in favour of human opinions

3. How to deal with Problem People, vs11,13

- *They must be silenced*
don't give them a platform
they're motivated by personal gain
Acts 20.30
- *They must be rebuked*
to restore them to a healthy faith *2 Tim 2.25*

4. A Governing Principle, vs15-16

- *What's going on in our heart?*
the pure see God *Mat 5.8*
our life will reveal it *Mat 7.15-21*