

They Must Be Silenced

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1. The Marks of a _____.

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2. The Response of the _____.

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3. The Product of _____.

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4. The Goal of _____.

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5. The Effect of _____.

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Further Bible Study on False Teachings:

Matthew 7:15, Mark 13:22,23, Acts 20:29,30, 2 Corinthians 11:2-4, 1 Timothy 4:13, 2 Timothy 3:1-9, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 John 2:18-23, 1 John 4:1-3, 2 John 7, Jude 3-4, Jude 17-19, etc.

Recommended Books on False Teaching:

- "A Field Guide on False Teaching" - Ligonier Ministries
- "The Truth War" - John MacArthur

Recommended Books on Growing in Biblical Truth:

- The Bible, various translations, word studies, etc.
- "A Summary of Christian Doctrine" - Louis Berkhof
- "The Moody Handbook of Theology" - Paul Enns

Discussion Questions:

1. How would you identify a false teacher?
2. What can you do to "silence" false teachers?
3. What kind of reputation do you have? Are you content with that?
4. How have you seen a godly rebuke, either given or received, result in God's glory in your life?
5. What is the difference between "faith without works" and "works without faith"?

Next Week's Message: Titus 2:1-5