

As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned. Titus 3:10-11 (ESV)

Warning

I have a word of warning for you. What's that? **Don't let yourself get drawn into debates and arguments and divisions in my body.** Why is that? **You have asked what seems like an obvious question with an easy answer. But, your question is not obvious to all and difficult to answer for many. However, I do want you to answer your own question. I want you to think deeply about your question and carefully consider your answer.** I will do just that.

I know that debates and arguments and divisions damage relationships. Under such circumstances people can't work together. What they could have accomplished for your kingdom, by working together, will never come to fruition when divisions occur and relationship are damaged. **That's right. What else?** Debates and arguments and divisions that damage relationships are common place in the world. The world seems more interested in winning debates and arguments than it is in maintaining unity. That probably is an understatement. Maintaining unity, is certainly not a value that the world esteems. So, when your church acts no differently than the world, its witness for you is lost. You want your church, your body of believers to dramatically stand out as being far different than the world. You want your body of believers to be known by their love for you and each other. **Yes, I do.** Real, authentic, unconditional love is in very short supply in the world. **Yes, it is.** When your body of believers have your love on display, it stands out, it gets recognized, it gets noticed. **That's right.** So, debates and arguments and divisions in your body mute, that's too weak of a word, how about destroy, its witness in the world. People will not come to know you when they see members of your body behaving badly. People will not come to believe in you if they see that you have not made any dramatic changes in the lives of your followers. There is no better witness for you, in the world, than a changed life, that is totally devoted to loving you and others. **That's true.**

So, what do you want? I want to be used by you. I want to quell divisions and foster unity in your body. I want to be a peacemaker for you in the world. I want your love to shine brightly in and through my life. I want others to see that you are living in and through my life. I want your body to be a bold and bright witness for you, so that fruit can be born for your kingdom and glory can be brought to your name. This is my prayer. This is what I want. **I will hear and answer this prayer of your heart.**

Lord, I will not allow myself to be drawn into divisions in your body. I will separate myself from anyone who is unwilling to turn away from divisiveness. Use me to quell division and foster unity in your body. I want your body to be a bright witness in the world. Amen

God's Will *A Divisive Person*

Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

NIV Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *Stirs Up Division*

As for a person who stirs up division, after warning him once and then twice, have nothing more to do with him, knowing that such a person is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.

ESV Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *Causing Divisions*

If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them. For people like that have turned away from the truth, and their own sins condemn them.

NLT Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *A Divisive Man*

Reject a divisive man after the first and second admonition, knowing that such a person is warped and sinning, being self-condemned.

NKJV Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *Who Causes Divisions*

After a first and second admonition, have nothing more to do with anyone who causes divisions, since you know that such a person is perverted and sinful, being self-condemned.

NRSV Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *A Quarrelsome Person*

Warn a quarrelsome person once or twice, but then be done with him. It's obvious that such a person is out of line, rebellious against God. By persisting in divisiveness he cuts himself off.

MSG Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *Who Is Factious*

[As for] a man who is factious [a heretical sectarian and cause of divisions], after admonishing him a first and second time, reject [him from your fellowship and have nothing more to do with him], Well aware that such a person has utterly changed (is perverted and corrupted); he goes on sinning [though he] is convicted of guilt and self-condemned.

AMP Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *Causing Divisions*

If anyone is causing divisions among you, he should be given a first and second warning. After that have nothing more to do with him, for such a person has a wrong sense of values. He is sinning, and he knows it.

TLB Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *A Factious Man*

Reject a factious man after a first and second warning, knowing that such a man is perverted and is sinning, being self-condemned.

NASB Titus 3:10-11

God's Will *Who Causes Arguments*

After a first and second warning, avoid someone who causes arguments. You can know that such people are evil and sinful; their own sins prove them wrong.

NCV Titus 3:10-11

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you quell division and foster unity in the body of Christ.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, use me to quell division and foster unity in your church.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I quell division and foster unity in your church today?
