



## [Titus 1:16](#)

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*New King James Version*

Modern Protestantism has lost the cutting edge it once had, resulting in the loss of a great deal of influence. A number of years ago, a Protestant pastor commented that the church has become good at turning wine into water. In many cases, modern Christian services and teachings are nothing more than entertaining paganism and in other cases, a Sunday morning fraternal organization. Morality has fallen in the streets. As one recent writer proclaimed, America, largely a Protestant nation, is being swept away in a homosexual and pornographic tsunami.

Satan's deception has created a problem for the [true church](#) because its members gradually tend to accept as true Satan's lie that Israel is "Christian," thus feeling a spiritual affinity with their countrymen that has no basis in fact. Israel's modern "Christianity" makes [doctrine](#) of little or no importance, leaving everyone free to do what is right in his own eyes ([Judges 21:25](#)). If gradually accepted, it will produce the same tolerant, nonjudgmental, just-do-your-own-thing, politically correct, multicultural [Laodiceanism](#) we see so commonly in Israelitish countries.

When this happens, [faith](#) in the sovereign [God](#) to govern His creation vanishes, and people generally find justifications for [idolatry](#), for [Sabbath](#) breaking, for [murder](#), for lying, and for [adultery](#). The so-called "Christian" nation finds justification for murder on a massive scale by calling its young men and women to fight its "just" wars. Did [Jesus](#) ever use any of these methods to solve His problems?

Modern Israel's religious beliefs and practices are reminiscent of Paul's comment in [Titus 1:16](#) about some people of his day: "They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work." [Jeremiah 17:9](#) says, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked."

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Thus, widespread spiritual adultery is committed by a nation that symbolically entered into a marriage covenant with God but whose works of faithlessness have become a way of life.

Idolatry on an unrecognized but huge scale, Sabbath breaking, dishonoring parents, murder in a wide variety of ways, breaking of marriage vows through adultery and multiple marriages, lying, and [coveting](#) have become a lifestyle, committed and justified for moments of self-absorbed gratification and ease. Today, it is packaged for export two ways: on the movie screen as "entertainment" for the masses, and through the combination of advertising and business practices. By these, we have drugged others with our wine into a way of life to be imitated if one desires to have personal fulfillment, wealth, and national political and military power.

— John W. Ritenbaugh

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