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Implications for:

- Ministry
- Churches
- Individuals

Further Application Questions

- Are you more tempted towards legalism or license? What's the evidence? What will be practical effect of these errors on our assurance, our godliness, our church relationships, our witness?
- How do verses 11-15 counter both the legalistic lie coming from false teachers within the church (1:10-16) and what seems to be the licentious lie coming into the church from Cretan culture (2:1-10)?
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