

Del & Karen Martin: Submissions to the Toronto Review Committee

From: Del Martin:

Dear brothers,

I would like to express my serious concerns regarding the October 1, 2006 document entitled "A WARNING TO ALL THE SAINTS AND ALL THE CHURCHES IN THE LORD'S RECOVERY CONCERNING TITUS CHU AND THOSE WHO PROMOTE AND DISSEMINATE HIS DIVISIVE TEACHINGS, PUBLICATIONS, PRACTICES, AND VIEWS".

I would like to raise the following concerns:

Brother Titus Chu is charged with being "*in open dissent concerning particular scriptural truths and organic practices.*" Nowhere in this Warning document are the "*particular scriptural truths*" of which Titus is allegedly in dissent mentioned. For that matter, neither are the "*organic practices*" mentioned either. Organic practices are of life and cannot be imposed.

The document also states that "*the entire ministry of Watchman Nee and Witness Lee...is the New Testament ministry.*" The New Testament ministry is composed of the whole New Testament written by Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Paul, Peter, John, Jude, and James. Not one of these writers had the entire New Testament ministry. At the most they had a part of the New Testament ministry. I believe the statement made in the document shows a basic misunderstanding of the New Testament ministry and an uplifting, beyond their measure, of the two brothers who have helped us.

All the 14 items (a-n) in point 2 (p. 2) of the Warning document are neither points of scriptural truth nor organic practices. Even one person who signed the document was strongly opposed to the point concerning one publication. Not one of these points is supported by Scripture. They may be practices, but are definitely not organic in any way.

Brother Titus and some of his co-workers are accused of teaching "*differently from the New Testament ministry.*" Again, no examples are given, only empty allegations. Not only is Brother Titus slanderously charged, but so are "some of his co-workers." This statement "some of his co-workers" opens the door for suspicion and questions which will produce disharmony. It also creates an atmosphere of a "witch-hunt".

I find it extremely unethical to use words of a person who has been deceased for 9 years, to defame someone else. Points of truth are one thing (which have not been substantiated,) but criticisms leveled against particular people quoted from private conversations are absolutely unethical. To use Brother Lee's words to cast judgment on another person is to put Brother Lee in the place of God. Can we say unequivocally that Brother Lee had a perfect understanding of every person and circumstance? No human being is without their shortcomings. I am not saying that Brother Titus is without any faults. However, can we say that Brother Lee was not influenced by what others told him? This may have adversely influenced his view concerning Titus.

It is absolutely not fair to pass judgment on all Brother Titus' books by saying that they "*are filled with questionings and contentions of words which spread spiritual sickness and death.*" Again a blanket statement is made without evidence put forth. This is nothing but a subjective opinion based on a strong bias. Many saints have

been edified and encouraged by Brother Titus' ministry. To admonish the saints not to read his books is to exercise control like the Roman Catholic Church tried to do regarding Martin Luther's writings. This kind of criticism of Titus Chu's books is simply too much.

Finally, regarding the signature pages. How can brothers living in the United States represent Europe or Africa? This shows a pride beyond comprehension. Furthermore, it is very difficult for me to believe the statement "*We harbor no personal offense and bear no ill will toward Brother Titus Chu...*"

Conclusion:

This document does not benefit the saints in the churches. I strongly recommend that the church in Toronto not accept this "Warning," but continue to receive Brother Titus Chu. He has helped the church through various trials in the past. To turn away from him today would be unconscionable. May the Lord have His way and may He truly build His church as He promised.

Your brother

Del Martin

**From: Karen Martin:
A Statement regarding Brother Titus Chu**

I have known Brother Titus Chu for 31 years. Over the past 21 years our family has been more connected with Brother Titus since my husband, Del, decided to serve the church in a full-time capacity. Titus has been instrumental in Del's direction as a full-time brother and his co-ordination with others. He has mentored Del's growth as a minister of the Word and his care for the members of the church.

Over the years, Brother Titus, in co-ordination with others, has asked our family to move to various localities which needed strengthening. Our family moved from Toronto to Winnipeg, to St. Catharines, to Toronto, to Halifax and back to Toronto. We have been blessed every time. His personal care for my children at different times has been a great comfort and help in their lives. They hold him in high esteem.

Brother Titus' ministry of the Bible has caused me to continually seek and love the Lord Jesus and His church. What comes through in his speaking is his absoluteness for God's purpose and a deep consecration to the Lord, which have inspired me. His genuine love for the brothers and his respect for the leadership of the church have always been paramount in his attitude. To me, he exemplifies a 'gift' as in Eph. 3:8: "...Christ led captive those taken captive and gave gifts to men." Titus' person and work have truly been a gift to the churches over the years.

Respectfully submitted by,

Karen M. Martin

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