
Jude

Author

Jesus' half brother wrote the book of Jude to warn the church of false brethren teaching error in the church.

Overview

The book is similar to [2Peter](#) in dealing with issues of church doctrine. Certain persons had crept into the church without them realizing it. These people were causing doubt by teaching false doctrine.

Ungodly men	Worldly
Turning the grace of God into lustful desires	Carnal
Denying the only Lord God	Skeptical
Despise dominion	Lawless
Murmurers, complainers	Critical
Having men's persons in admiration	Flatterers
Sensual, having not the Spirit	Aliens

True followers ([Jude 20-24](#)) behave much differently:

- Praying in the Holy Ghost
- Keeping in God's love
- Looking for God's mercy
- Winning souls for Him
- Resting in His keeping power

Personal Reflection and Application

How important is doctrine to a Christian ([Jude 3](#))?

Small Group Conversation Guide

What behaviors can help you recognize true followers of Christ ([Jude 20-23](#))? Which ones are you most likely to demonstrate in your daily life? Which ones are you least likely to demonstrate in your daily life?

- Building yourself up in your faith
- Praying in the Holy Spirit
- Keeping yourself in the love of God
- Looking for the mercy of your Lord Jesus Christ
- Showing compassion
- Pulling others out of the fire

Leadership Principles from Jude

Confrontation

Though it's more pleasant to tell others what they are doing well, there are times when a leader must bring concerns to people's attention. How do you handle situations like that? Do you hesitate to confront others?

Notice the technique Jude uses to confront others ([Jude 3-4](#)). Though he is clear and firm, he is not harsh or unloving. What could help you use a similar tone with others you need to confront?

Next, consider the times when someone confronts you. As unpleasant as it is for you to be the recipient of a confrontation, it is possible the person speaking to you is experiencing a great deal of stress in the process.

How do you handle those situations? Are you able to find something useful in the feedback even if the person doesn't deliver it well?

Something to Find in Jude

Look for what Jude said about false brethren in the church.