

Contending for the Faith
The Believer's Defense
Jude 17-19

Introduction

Beginning with verse 17, Jude tells us how to combat apostasy. He starts out, "But you, beloved, remember the words which were spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ:" (Jude 1:17 NKJV)

1. After calling out these _____, Jude gives the believers guidelines on how to avoid the error of these false teachers.
2. In the first 16 verses, Jude focuses his attention on the _____.
3. Now he turns his attention to _____ believers deal with the problem.
4. Peter's Second Epistle also deals with _____ teachers.
5. Remember means to bring to _____ or think of again.
6. Jude is challenging the saints to keep their minds alert and attentive to the truths of _____.
7. One of the best ways to strengthen your faith is to memorize and _____ upon the truth of God's Word.
8. The word "Word" is the word "Rhema," which means God-breathed! It is the Word that is _____!

I. AN APOSTOLIC PREDICTION

9. Jude tells us to remember the words spoken by the

_____ and their apostolic predictions

10. Jude is referring to the New _____; the Gospels, Paul's letters, and Peter's letters.
11. Prophetic predictions have abiding validity and _____.
12. The word apostle means "_____ one." It conveys the basic idea of mission.
13. An apostle was an _____ for Christ and spoke with His authority.
14. One of the main tests in the early Church was, "Is this what the Apostles _____?"
15. Apostolic teaching was, and still is, the test of _____.
16. Jude urges us to live a life of dependence upon _____ and be mindful of God's love for us.

II. THE APOSTOLIC WARNING

17. The apostles repeated over and over the prophetic words of Christ urging believers to _____ the ways of Christ
18. False teachers ridicule and treat with contempt the Bible's repeated promise of _____' Second Coming.
19. The last days is the time between the First and _____ Coming of Christ.
20. In the "last days," there will be many who will _____ Christianity.

21. The driving force behind the ungodly is their sinful _____ . They make up their own rules and deliberately reject God's warnings of judgment.
22. Jude's apostates had two significant flaws. First, these false teachers believed that since the body was sinful and unredeemable, it was okay to indulge in sinful _____ .
23. And secondly, since God's grace could forgive any sin, it doesn't matter what sin you commit because God will _____ you.
24. _____ choose to ignore the fact that God has kept His Word in history and will do so again.

III. THE APOSTATE'S WORLD VIEW

25. False teachers only relate to this world with their _____ senses.
26. Apostates are not uniters; they are _____ .
27. Jude calls the teachers of error worldly people who do not have the _____ .
28. The Apostle Paul writes, "But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are _____ to him.
29. Paul distinguishes two kinds of people. Some are sensitive to and _____ by the Holy Spirit, and others are guided only by their physical senses.
30. When Christ dwells within us, we are _____ from the ever demanding material things of this life.

31. Every person either lives "in the Spirit" or "in the _____."

Conclusion

32. When Jude uses the phrase "devoid of the Spirit," he is talking about someone who is an _____.

33. God's love and salvation through the Cross of Jesus Christ is the only remedy for _____.

34. Worldly endeavors magnify the achievements of _____, but spiritual endeavors magnify the Lord.

35. God chooses not to recall our sins to mind when we confess and _____ of them.

Read your Bible and meditate on God's love and forgiveness. And if the Holy Spirit convicts you of something, repent and ask God to forgive you, and keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Apostates | 16. God | 31. Flesh |
| 2. Problem | 17. Learn | 32. Unbeliever |
| 3. Helping | 18. Jesus | 33. Sin |
| 4. False | 19. Second | 34. Man |
| 5. Mind | 20. Mock | 35. Repent |
| 6. Scripture | 21. Lusts | |
| 7. Meditate | 22. Pleasures | |
| 8. Alive | 23. Forgive | |
| 9. Apostles | 24. Scoffers | |
| 10. Testament | 25. Human | |
| 11. Value | 26. Dividers | |
| 12. Sent | 27. Spirit | |
| 13. Ambassador | 28. Foolishness | |
| 14. Taught | 29. Guided | |
| 15. Truth | 30. Safe | |