



I. AN EXHORTATION TO REMEMBER (JUDE 17-18)

Paul warned: *I Timothy 4:1, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"*

Acts 20:29, "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."

II Thessalonians 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

Jesus warned: *Matthew 24:24, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."*

II. AN ENEMY TO RECOGNIZE

A. THEY ARE DIVISIVE (JUDE 19)

The phrase "who separate themselves" literally means that they cause divisions.

John 17:20-22, "20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; 21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:"

Ephesians 4:2-6, "2 With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; 5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

Romans 16:17, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them."

B. THEY ARE DEPRAVED (JUDE 19)

The word "sensual" is from the Greek word *psuchikos* (qucikov, psou-khee-kos') which is translated "natural" in other verses. It means carnal.

Jude 10 is the key to verse 19. They are beasts and a beast lives for only 3 things: 1) self-preservation, 2) self-gratification, and 3) self-propagation (Jude 4, 7, 13, 16, 18).

C. THEY ARE DEAD (JUDE 19)

Romans 8:6, 9, "6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. . . 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

John 6:64 & 70, "64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. . . 70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?"

Mark 14:21, "The Son of man indeed goeth, as it is written of him: but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had never been born."

III. THERE IS AN ENVIRONMENT TO RETAIN (JUDE 20-21)

"There is absolutely nothing you can do to make God love you more, and there is absolutely nothing you can do to make God love you less. His love is always at full capacity." – Adrian Rogers

A. SCRIPTURAL BUILDING (JUDE 20, 3)

"You may talk about power, but if you neglect the one Book that God has given you as the one instrument through which He imparts and exercises His power, you will not have it. Ninety-nine Christians in every one-hundred are merely playing at Bible Study and therefore Ninety-nine out of every one-hundred are mere weaklings when they might be giants both in their Christian life and in their service." – R. A. Torrey

B. SPIRITUAL PRAYING (JUDE 20)

1. The Holy Spirit is your encouragement in prayer.

Matthew 26:40-41, "40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

2. The Holy Spirit is your enlightenment in prayer.

Romans 8:26, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

3. The Holy Spirit is your energy to pray.

4. The Holy Spirit is the expression of our prayer (Romans 8:26↑).

5. The Holy Spirit is the endurance of our prayer.

Ephesians 6:18, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

C. STEADFAST LOOKING (JUDE 21)

Titus 2:13, "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"