

Building Up Your Faith

Jude Pt. 5

V. 20-23

Jude closes his letter with a final, positive, and multifaceted charge to his beloved recipients.

1. (V. 20)- ***“But, you beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith”...***

- a. After we are born again, we determine much of our spiritual growth. The book of Jude keeps things simple, pairing Spiritual success down to two categories:
 - i. _____ sinfulness and the fruit of false believers
 - ii. Pursue the things that _____ your faith to Grow

Point: Growth is not automatic, but intentional.

Growth principals:

- a. **Rom. 13:14-** **Make no provision for the _____**, i.e., give it no easy opportunity! I.d, the things that regularly bring me down spiritually, and do some house cleaning...
Reminder: The 4 most dangerous words for any Christian are ***“I can _____ it”***. No you can’t, get out of there! (Joseph w/ Potiphar's wife... Joseph RAN!)
- b. **Phil. 4:8-** **Let your mind live in an environment that _____ holiness, and does not harm holiness:** (Information, entertainment, relationships, etc.)
- c. **Psalms 16:8-** **I _____ Him right in front of me, so I will stand strong.** (WWJD)
- d. **Heb. 5:12- 6:1-** **Be a _____ not just a Reservoir.** Find an outlet, where you can pour out the things that have been pouring into you!
- e. **James. 5:16-** Keep yourself _____. In contrast to false teachers who divide the church, believers are to build one another up in the faith-increasing in unity.

2. (V. 20...)- ***“Praying in the Holy Spirit...”***

- a. The Holy Spirit is the one who both ***guides*** and ***empowers*** believers as they pray, while at the same time ***interceding*** on their behalf (**Rom. 8:26**)
- b. It is praying for the things in keeping with the Holy Spirit’s desire for us- which is to say... what is _____ (**Eph. 4:30**).

3. (V.21) ***“Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life”.***

- a. We simply keep in His love by walking in intimate, obedience with Him, not incurring His judgment.
- b. This is partly a call to salvation as well, because true believers cannot _____ God’s love (**Rom. 8:38-39**)

4. (V. 22-23) **Jude points out 3 scenarios with regard to people who are affected by the influence of apostates:**

- a. First group: **Those whose faith is wavering in _____ because of the false teachers.** Don’t write them off. Be patient with them, showing mercy.
- b. Second group: **Those who are in serious danger of embracing the _____ of the false teachers.** If they follow after their false gospel, they will miss Christ entirely. Snatch them out of the fire.
- c. Third group: **This includes the _____ teachers themselves, whose ungodly lifestyle is depicted as a stained or defiled garment.**
 - i. Jude is referring to the _____ - a robe-like under-garment worn (neck to knees) next to the skin.
 - ii. This group is also to be shown mercy, ***“but with _____”***. They need to be given the gospel, but with the caution of not, in any way, being influenced by them and their ways. I.e., Give them the truth but do it with a guarded mindset. Don’t adopt their ways just to engage with them.