

**CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH
THE BOOK OF JUDE
BE COMPASSIONATE AND RECLAIM PEOPLE
JUDE 22-23**

Introduction

Last time we shared with you some *GUIDELINES FOR AVOIDING APOSTASY*.

(VS 17-23)

- A. Remember The Teaching Of The Apostles. *(Vs 17-19)*
- B. Nurture Yourselves In The Things Of The Lord. *(Vs 20-21)*
 - 1. Building Up Yourselves On Your Most Holy Faith.
 - 2. Praying In The Holy Ghost.
 - 3. Keeping Yourselves In The Love Of God.
 - 4. Looking For The Return Of The Lord.

This week I want us to see that we are to be compassionate and reclaim people for the Lord!

I. WE MUST BE COMPASSIONATE WITH THE BRETHREN WHO ARE DECEIVED AND OVERTAKEN BY FALSE DOCTRINE! *(Vs 22)*

A. Understand That Some People Are Easily Swayed!
(Ephesians 4:11-15)
e.g. Albert and "The Way"

B. Understand That Each Person Has A Measure Of Vulnerability!

1 Corinthians 10:12 – “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.”

Galatians 2:11-16

Galatians 6:1–“Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

1 Timothy 4:16 – “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

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C. Understand That This Work Takes Special Care!

2 Timothy 2:24-26–“24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, 25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; 26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”

Hebrews 12:13–“And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.”

D. Understand The Significance Of This Work!

James 5:19-20– “19 Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; 20 Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.”

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