

Lessons from the Life of Jude
Jude v.3-4
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Thesis: I want to show what we can learn from Jude's example of love, faith and dedication to God and the brethren.

- Intro:
1. Jude was a loving and watchful servant of Christ (Jude v.1; Eph 6:17-18)
 2. Jude loved the brethren deeply.
 3. Jude also was not one that was naïve.

I. Jude loved fellowship with the faithful & was concerned about truth

A. Jude enjoyed fellowship with the faithful (**v.2-3a**)

1. Fellowship should be enjoyable.
2. This was something Jude was looking forward to.

B. Jude gave many warnings

1. He wanted them to contend (fight) for the faith (**v.3b-4**)
2. He reminded them of old apostates and examples of the twisters of truth from the past (**v.5-11**)
3. The reality of such people is driven home (**v.12-15**)
4. The fake and disrupters of peace are described next (**v.16-19**)
5. His warnings were given because He loved the brethren

II. But You...

A. Keep the faith (**v.20-21**)

1. Because of such people and situations he encourages them to remain faithful
2. The cure to such problems is determined faithfulness and love for God.
3. Put your faith in God, not men (**v.24-25**)

B. The Erroring must repent

1. We must do what we can to encourage repentance, though repentance may never take place.
2. Some take a softer, gentler touch (**v.22**), others may require a reality check (**v.23**).

III. Lessons for us today.

A. Love includes fellowship and warnings (**v.3**)

1. Love involves loving fellowship.
2. Love also should include warnings of possible dangers.
 - a. Our reaction to such, should be loving as well.

B. Remaining faithful is key (**v.21**)

1. Faithfulness is key for every Christian.
2. This is a simple fact that Jude reminds them of, but one that is vital.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Let us be like Jude and truly love the brethren and the Lord.
2. This means joyful peaceful fellowship and needful warnings.

3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11-12, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent & Pray: James 5:16, 1 John 1:9