Contend for The Faith JUDE

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1 Timothy 6:11-12

11 But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

Contend for The Faith 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. 25 Every athlete exercises selfcontrol in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable.

Contend for The Faith Philippians 1:27-28

27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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 - Romans 6:15-16 15 What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! 16 Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

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Matthew 7:15-20

15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

17 So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. 18 A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

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Acts 20:28-30

28 Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

29 I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.

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 - -Romans 16:17-18 17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive.

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 - -Ephesians 4:4-6 4 There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

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 - -Romans 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

Profile of a False Teacher

- 1. Ungodly (v. 4)
- 2. Morally perverted (v. 4)
- 3. Deny Christ (v. 4)
- 4. Defile the flesh (v. 8)
- 5. Reject authority (v. 8)
- 6. Blaspheme holy angels (v. 8)
- 7. Rely on Dreams (v. 8)
- 8. Ignorant (v. 10)
- 9. Self-destructive (v. 10)

- 10.Grumblers (v. 16)
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- 12. Self seeking (v. 16)
- 13. Arrogant speakers (v. 16)
- 14. Showing favoritism (v. 16)
- 15.Scoffers (v. 18)
- 16. Cause divisions (v. 18)
- 17. Worldly minded (v. 19)
- 18.Devoid of the Spirit (v. 19)

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- -Grounded in THE Truth
- -Pray
- -Obedience to Gods word
- -Hopeful anticipation of Jesus return
- -Show mercy with fear

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