

Guidelines for Avoiding Apostasy

Jude 17-25

I. The Believer's Responsibility (vs. 17-23)

A. Remember the teaching of the Apostles (vs. 17-19)

"But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ"

1. The words of the Apostles

a. The Apostle Paul

- Acts 20:29-30; I Tim. 4:1; II Tim. 4:3-4

b. The Apostle Peter

- II Peter 2:1-3; 3:3-4

c. The Apostle John

- I John 4:1-3

2. Scoffers in the last days (vs. 18-19)

"How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time"

a. Follow their _____

"who should walk after their own ungodly lusts"

b. Seek to _____

"These be they who separate themselves"

c. _____ and not _____

"sensual, having not the Spirit"

B. Nurture yourself (vs. 20-21)

"building up yourselves on your most holy faith"

How does the believer build up himself?

1. _____ with God (v. 20b)

a. _____

- Acts 20:32

b. _____
"praying in the Holy Ghost"

- I John 5:14-15

2. _____ oneself (v. 21a)

"Keep yourselves in the love of God"

a. Being _____ with God's love for you

- Ephesians 3:17-19

b. _____ to His Word

- John 15:10; I John 2:5

3. _____ Christ's return (v. 21b)

"looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ
unto eternal life"

- Titus 2:13; II Peter 3:12

C. Be merciful to others (vs. 22-23)

1. Deal compassionately with the believer who is
_____ or _____ in his faith.

"And of some have compassion, making a
difference"

2. Seek to win the unbeliever to the Lord

"And others save with fear, pulling them out of the
fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

- In our efforts to reach the lost for Christ, we
should still _____ and _____ sin.

II. The Lord's Ability (vs. 24-25)

A. His _____ (due to our practice)

"Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling"

B. His _____ (due to our position)

"and to present you faultless before the presence of his
glory with exceeding joy"