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1. The **urgency** of the situation caused Jude to write.
2. All Christians are to wage war against error in all forms and **fight for the truth**
3. "**The faith**" that God had once for all entrusted to the saints is the body of truths taught by the apostles and given to the saints.

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4. They crept in unnoticed because the church as a whole **was not on watch**.

The word grēgoreō, which can mean "to watch," "be awake," "be vigilant," "be alive" is used some 22 times in the New Testament, often in reference to Christians' being awake and alert – on guard duty.

"Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. 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. I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. **Therefore be alert**, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears." (Acts 20:26-31 ESV)

5. If False Teaching is not stopped **it spreads** - Again and again the New Testament writers warn that false teaching is deceptive, and that false teachers do draw people away after them.

"Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?" (1 Corinthians 5:6 ESV)

"A little leaven leavens the whole lump." (Galatians 5:9 ESV)



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"and their talk will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some." (2 Timothy 2:17-18 ESV)

6. We are to **discern and judge** the motives of false teachers. The Apostles gives us clear examples in the following passages.

"Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—to them we did not yield in submission even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might be preserved for you." (Galatians 2:4-5 ESV)

"It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who would force you to be circumcised, and only in order that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ." (Galatians 6:12 ESV)

"Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." (Philippians 3:19 ESV)

"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ." (2 Corinthians 11:13 ESV)

"They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!" (2 Peter 2:14 ESV)

" But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people." (2 Timothy 3:1-5 ESV)

" But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed. And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep." (2 Peter 2:1-3 ESV)



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"They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach." (Titus 1:11 ESV)

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7. If false teaching is not dealt with then the **unity of the Church** is disrupted.

"But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness," (2 Timothy 2:16 ESV)

"Have nothing to do with foolish, ignorant controversies; you know that they breed quarrels." (2 Timothy 2:23 ESV)

"But avoid foolish controversies, genealogies, dissensions, and quarrels about the law, for they are unprofitable and worthless." (Titus 3:9 ESV)

"If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which produce envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain." (1 Timothy 6:3-5 ESV)

8. **Long ago** they were designated for this condemnation.

“who long ago were designated for this condemnation” (Jude 4 ESV)

"and “A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do." (1 Peter 2:8 ESV)

9. They are ungodly people who **pervert grace and deny** our Lord Jesus.

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"if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself." (2 Timothy 2:12-13 ESV)

"God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?" (Numbers 23:19 ESV)

"in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began" (Titus 1:2 ESV)

10. Some false teaching opposed by the Apostles:

" But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.”" (Acts 15:1 ESV)

" For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. Look: I, Paul, say to you that if you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. I testify again to every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole law. You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace. For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love." (Galatians 5:1-6 ESV)

" Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?" (1 Corinthians 15:12 ESV)

"Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind," (Colossians 2:18 ESV)

"who have swerved from the truth, saying that the resurrection has already happened. They are upsetting the faith of some." (2 Timothy 2:18 ESV)

"knowing this first of all, that scoffers will come in the last days with scoffing, following their own sinful desires. They will say, “Where is the promise of his coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all things are continuing as they were from the beginning of creation.”" (2 Peter 3:3-4 ESV)



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"who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." (1 Timothy 4:3 ESV)

" Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath." (Col 2:16 ESV)

"Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son." (1 John 2:22 ESV)

"For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist." (2 John 7 ESV)

11. God in His sovereignty allows false teaching to appear in the Church to serve His purpose which is mainly the **purification of the church**.

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish." (Ephesians 5:25-27 ESV)

12. Throughout Church history this has resulted in the true people of God **separating from the false**.

"For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized." (1 Corinthians 11:18-19 ESV)

It is necessary for sects, factions, heresies (denominations) to exist among you in order that those who are genuine (approved by test, tried and true, genuine) among you may be recognized (visible, clear, plainly to be seen, evident, known) – Literal Translation