

What can we learn from Jude?

There are several small books in the bible that God placed there for our learning and our admonition. Even this small New Testament book of encouragement has great lessons for us today.

1. What issue was Jude addressing as recorded in the book of Jude?

Jude **1:3-4**

Jude **1:5-7**

Jude **1:16-19**

The primary issue that Jude is concerned with is the subject of the defense of the faith. Especially as there will be corrupt leaders and teachers who will attempt to corrupt the message of the Gospel. As Jude looks at the reality of corrupt messengers, he identifies what their future looks like. The faith that is professed will have its visible effect on the life of person.

2. What did Jude say should be done?

Jude **1:3**

Jude **1:11-13**

Jude **1:15**

Jude **1:18**

Jude **1:20**

Jude **1:24-25**

Jude desires his readers to be prepared to defend the faith of Jesus Christ not only by words, by being able to explain its legitimacy, but also in deeds. Jude further wants his readers to be careful about following leaders that profess a different faith than the one that Jesus has offered up. Jude also wants his readers to be sensitive to the identifying markers of those with a false faith that brings condemnation and judgment. To combat these issues, the believer must continually commit himself to building up his life and faith in Jesus Christ and continually learn to trust more and more on God and Jesus Christ to protect and defend him from the wiles of the devil.

3. What does the Christian need to be careful of regarding the book of Jude?

2 Timothy **2:23**

2 Timothy **4:3-4**

Titus **3:9-11**

Ephesians **4:14**

Galatians **2:3-5**

When it comes to the defense of the Christian faith, Christians need to be careful about getting caught up in details that do nothing but create contention and division, especially if the doctrine is not clearly and specifically addressed in scripture (IE. Timing of rapture with respect to Christ's return). Besides getting caught up in nuances and details that create strife and division, the Christian needs to be careful about avoiding all strife and contention at all cost. The Christian is NOT called to compromise on the truth in order to be liked or appreciated. Instead, the Christian is called to engage the false messenger with his heretical teachings and admonish him for speaking lies and attempting to corrupt the true message of the Gospel.

4. What should the Christian do instead?

1 Peter **3:15**

Proverbs **26:4-5**

Acts **20:27-30**

Acts **17:11**

2 Timothy **2:15-16**
Proverbs **3:5-6**

2 Corinthians **10:4-6**

The Christian needs to be prepared to defend the faith and to be prepared to answer or address the questions addressed by others. The Christian needs to be very familiar with the whole counsel of God and not give in to only believing only part or pieces of the scripture. If the scriptures teach it clearly and specifically, then we need to trust it (Six day creation [Genesis 1,2; Exodus 20:11]). In order to be adequately prepared to defend the Christian faith, the Christian needs to be very familiar with what God has said. The Christian needs to know and trust what the scriptures actually say.