

*A man wanted to be involved in building the new church and wants to help.
So the foreman says, cut me 100 2X4's that are 6 feet long.
The worker lays out the first and cuts it to precisely 6 feet.
But then he puts up the ruler and cuts the 2nd board from the 1st..the 3rd from the
2nd...the 4th from the 3rd.
By the time he cuts the 100th board it's over 7 feet long!
We do the same thing with the Gospel. We keep measuring ourselves by the previous
generation instead of by the original standard!

He should have cut every board using the ruler!

B. Read The Label!

***We may not be paying enough attention to all the “Warning Labels” in the
New Testament!**

***As Parents, as Pastors...are we “guarding” our families and our flocks?
Especially in such a day of “proliferation” of information!**

3. Consider Paul's warning to the Elders of the Church at Ephesus:

age.

2. Their message is a perversion of grace.

Jude 4

...saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives. (NLT)

who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality (NIV)

who pervert God's grace (CJB)

a. God's grace is AMAZING...it's like “too good to be true”...but it
is!

b. But God's grace is NOT a license to live any way you want!

*BK on tithing

*M/D on working

3. A primary sign...those who despise authority.

Jude 8

Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.

...reject authority (NASB, NIV)

a. Proliferation of churches and ministries, conferences and the internet allows a lot of “floaters”...people whose real problem is a rejection of authority and accountability.

b. Let’s get it straight...you are free...but if you’re biblical, you have a local church home!

c. Is that you? Here’s the question: Who do I answer to spiritually? Who’s got the right to speak into my life? If you have an answer, this isn’t you.

4. More warning labels:

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Jude 12-13

These are spots in your feasts of charity...

Clouds...without water...

Raging waves of the sea...

...trees whose fruit withers, without fruit...

a. Testimony

b. All potential...no rain

c. Waves of the sea...restless

d. No lasting fruit...or no fruit

5. More subtle signs...

Jude 16

murmurers, complainers... (KJV)

These men are grumblers and faultfinders (NIV)

a. They gain influence through FLATTERY!

6 These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their *own* lusts; they speak arrogantly, *flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage.*

Jude 16 NASB

6. Scorn and sarcasm...

Jude 17-18

...the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ said. 18 They told you that in the last times there would be scoffers (NLT)

Mockers... (NASB)

7. Those who create divisions...

Jude 19

9 These people are the ones who are creating divisions among you. They follow their natural instincts because they do not have God's Spirit in them.

D. What God Will Do To Them

1. Many of these false teachers start off right...but end up wrong. God will judge them for where they end up!

a. Testimony: Most of what I have seen of these things is in people who started off right, then went wrong.

b. We need a fresh dose of the “fear of the Lord” in the Body of Christ.

Now I desire to remind you, though you know all things once for all, that the Lord, after saving a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe.

Jude 5 NASB

2. One-third of the angels started right...but when they went wrong, God judged them!

And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day.

Jude 6 NASB

3. God will judge the Cains, the Balaams, and the sons of Korah.

Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Jude 11 NASB

14 And about these...Enoch...prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Jude 14-15 NASB

a. Even if we're not smart enough to know who they are, God does...nobody gets away with nothing!

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- 1. There is a common faith, a true Gospel, which was once and for all delivered to the saints**
- 2. We are to contend for that faith and for that Gospel, because there are false teachers and false apostles among us**

3. God will judge the false teachers and the false prophets and keep His saints from falling by His incredible grace!

1. Dangers are all around, but God's word gives great comfort and security to those who truly know Him!

For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, *if it were possible*, they shall deceive the very elect.

Matthew 24:24 KJV

2. He has sent us out as sheep among wolves...but He keeps HIS sheep...not because they are strong, but because He is!

3. The Book of Jude closes with an amazing promise:

Jude 24-25

24 Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, 25 to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *be* glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

B. Altar Call And Prayer

1. God is gathering an army—that's why we are here.

2. He is training us and equipping us for victory.

3. He's giving us "night vision"—so we can see where the enemy is moving...so we can look out for one another...help each other.

Jude 20-23 NASB

20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith; praying in the Holy Spirit; 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life.

22 And have mercy on some, who are doubting; 23 save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh.

NASB