

Joyful Life Bible Studies

JUDE 20-25

Lesson 3

FIRST DAY: Review and Overview

1. Review Jude 8-19. What did you learn from last week's lesson or lecture that will help you identify and avoid false teachers?

2. For a brief overview of this week's study read Jude 20-25. These practical, yet reassuring verses are essential to our Christian walk! Provide a title for the following paragraphs:
 - a. Jude 20,21

 - b. Jude 22,23

 - c. Jude 24,25

3. What is your greatest need or desire concerning your lesson this week? Write this as a prayer.

*He is able to do exceeding abundantly
above all that we ask or think.
Ephesians 3:20a*

SECOND DAY: Read Jude 20,21

1. Read Jude 20,21. If all Christians obeyed the exhortation in these verses, think about what the result would be. List the four essential instructions given for our spiritual growth from verses 20,21.

2. Today we will focus on the first two powerful instructions in Jude 20. Consider Jude 20a NIV: *build yourselves up in your most holy faith*. Suggest a few ways of doing this.
 - a. What can hinder or prevent us from following this instruction?

3. In verse 20b Jude instructs us *to pray in the Holy Ghost*. Pastor Chuck explains that there are three ways we can pray in the Holy Spirit. The first is *to ask the Holy Spirit to direct our prayers*. According to I John 5:14,15 why is it important for us to do this?
 - a. Identify the two additional ways we can *pray in the Holy Spirit* from the following verses:
 - (1.) Romans 8:26,27

 - (2.) I Corinthians 14:2,4a,14,15

4. Each of us has a responsibility for our own spiritual growth. In what way has today's study of Jude 20 motivated or challenged you to do your part?

*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.*

II Peter 3:18a

THIRD DAY: Read Jude 20,21

1. Today we continue our study of Jude's vital instructions by concentrating on verse 21. In verse 21a we are given a crucial exhortation. *Keep yourselves in the love of God* is one of the key themes of Jude's letter. Another way of saying this is: *Keep yourself in the place where God can demonstrate His love for you.* How do you do this?
 - a. What difference would it make in your life if you didn't *keep yourself in the love of God*?

2. Think about the following line from a well known hymn: *Prone to wander Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love.* What do you learn from the following verses that will help you avoid this and *keep you in the love of God*:
 - a. John 15:4a

 - b. John 15:9,10

3. Focus once more on the essential instruction given in Jude 21b. Pastor Chuck says: *We also keep ourselves in the love of God by looking for the return of Jesus Christ. Things are put in perspective when we keep His return in our minds.* What helps you do this?
 - a. Read I Thessalonians 4:15-18. How does looking for Jesus' return affect your daily life?

*Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing
of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*

Titus 2:13

FOURTH DAY: Read Jude 22,23

1. Jude gives believers two more important instructions in verses 22,23 that deal with attitudes and actions toward those who are deceived. In your own words write what we are to do according to:
 - a. Jude 22

 - b. Jude 23


 - c. Give an example for each of these methods.

2. We receive counsel for effective witnessing from Jude 22,23. What do these verses reveal about our need for sensitivity when witnessing?
 - a. In verse 23b the phrase: *hating the garment spotted by the flesh* reminds us that we should *hate the sin but love the sinner*. Why is this important?

 - b. When attempting to *restore* someone who has fallen spiritually, what caution are believers given in Galatians 6:1?

3. Witnessing deals with a heaven or hell issue! This should cause us to realize the urgency of sharing our faith with others. How has today's study spoken to you about this?

Lord, please move me with compassion for the lost, I pray.

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FIFTH DAY: Read Jude 24,25

1. Jude began and ended his letter with reassuring words to those who belong to the Lord. Let Jude's declaration in verse 24 comfort and encourage you as you write it here phrase by phrase.

a. What does Ephesians 3:20 add to Jude 24?


b. In what specific way does the promise of Jude 24 minister to you today?

Challenge: Find and record other scriptures that reveal what *He is able* to do.

2. Write what you learn about the Lord from Jude's benediction in verse 25.

a. Choose one of the words Jude ascribes to the Lord and give its definition.

3. Take time now to write a sentence expressing your praise and worship to *God our Saviour*.

*He is able, more than able
to accomplish what concerns me today.
He is able, more than able
to handle anything that comes my way.*
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SIXTH DAY: Review Jude 20-25

1. Recall the four vital instructions in Jude 20,21. How are you applying each of these?
2. In what way has your study of Jude 22,23 influenced your witnessing?
3. Share a way Jude 24,25 affects your faith.
4. Through your study of Jude 1-25, how have you been enriched, encouraged or challenged?
5. How has Jude's epistle alerted you to the urgency and need to *earnestly contend for the faith* today? verse 3

*All glory to Him, Who alone is God our Savior,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Yes, glory, majesty, power, and authority belong to Him,
in the beginning, now, and forevermore. Amen.*
Jude 25 NLT