



## Having Compassion And Making A Difference

**General Purpose:** Motivation towards Evangelism

**Connections:**

- Angle: A fresh word from God can make the difference in your walk
- Purpose: To encourage people to notice those around them and influence their lives
- Context: The book of Jude has a strong warning against false teachings that crept into the church

## TEXT: Jude 17-25

**Jude 17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Jude 18** How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

**Jude 19** These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

**Jude 20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

**Jude 21** Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

**Jude 22** And of some have compassion, making a difference:

**Jude 23** And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

**Jude 24** Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

**Jude 25** To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

**Ice Breaker:** Story of how I was fooled into buying those speakers

**Written A.d. 67,68 probably in Jerusalem**

**The Spiritual thought:** He is able!

**Context of the book:** Jude describes false teachers who deny the Lord and give a license to sin. He points out their principles and practices-and gives O.T. illustrations of sins leading to apostasy.

- Israel's-unbelief
- Angels-rebellion
- Sodom and Gomorrah-immorality
- Cain-self will

- Balaam-covetousness
- Korah-rejection of God's authority

**Summary:** Jude sums up the awfulness of their sins and concludes that “these be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit” (v19). Believers are exhorted to recognize their calling.

**The Name “Jude” means “he shall be praised”**

i. **Intro Thought:**

**Jude 17** But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

**Jude 3** Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

i. **Remember the words** of the Apostles:

ii. **Earnestly contend:** Like an athlete who strives to victory

iii. **The Faith:** The sound doctrine, the truth of the gospel

iv. **Delivered:** The gospel that was approved and authorized by the apostles

**Jude 20** But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

**Jude 21** Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

i. **Building yourselves on your most holy faith:** This is a reference to the freshness of doctrine, not the fruit of the Spirit. “Building” is a community effort. (Eph 2:19-22)

**Eph 2:19** Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

**Eph 2:20** And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

**Eph 2:21** In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

**Eph 2:22** In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

ii. **Looking for mercy:** Stand watch, be sober (Example of looking for drugs on the floor)

## A. THE SPIRIT WORKING WITH YOU MAKES THE DIFFERENCE:

**Mark 16:20** And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

· **Seed Thought:** When we read the word of God and study out the gospels, there were 12 ordinary men who were trained and discipled under the wing of Jesus. They took the gospel message of saving grace, ‘**Having**

**compassion**" within them and shook the world around them "**Making A difference.**"

1. **And they went forth**= How did they get the passion? *Acts 1:9 And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.* They got a glimpse of his glory! (**We need to receive our glimpse of glory**)

2. **Preached everywhere**= That was there lifestyle, that is what was taught by Jesus himself

3. **The Lord working with them**= To be a fellow worker (**We've got the power, use your prayer tool "In the name of Jesus"**)

- In the name of Jesus you can bind that Spirit
- In the name of Jesus you can command that spirit to come out
- In the name of Jesus you can receive your miracle
- In the name of Jesus be healed
- In the name of Jesus receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost
- It's in the name of Jesus we receive the forgiveness of sins
- **It's in the name of Jesus that makes all the difference!**

4. **Confirming the word with signs following**= Miracles will follow

**Personal Application:** We have the opportunity and are given the ability to make a difference in those that are around us.

## B. TIMOTHY MAKES A DIFFERENCE:

**1 Tim 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers,** in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

**1 Tim 4:16 Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them:** for in doing this **thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.**

- i. In Word: The doctrine
- ii. Conversation: Behavior/life style
- iii. In charity: Love and how you treat others
- iv. In Faith: Your commitment to the work of God
- v. Purity: Holiness

**Exhortation:** Take heed (Take a hold) of the doctrine and make a difference in teaching and winning souls!

## C. GOD PRESERVES, MAKES THE DIFFERENCE:

**1:1 Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:**

- i. **Word definition:** The definition of the Greek word for sanctified means "to love in a social or moral sense"
- ii. **Jude 1:** To those who have been called, who are loved by God the Father and kept by Jesus Christ: (**NIV**)

iii. **Exhortation:** If you're tired of your life hitting a dead end street, your sins shackled around your feet, trying to break that drug habit, let the Spirit of God move on you. It will make all the difference in your life!

iv. **Personal Exhortation:** I'm standing here 11 years later and I haven't had drink, smoked any dope, or done any drugs. It's the Spirit of God working in my life that keeps me '**preserved**'

## D. THE SPIRIT WORKING WITH YOU MAKES THE DIFFERENCE:

### **Having Jesus in your life makes all the difference:**

- You'll have a relationship that can never be abolished
- A righteousness that can never be tarnished
- An acceptance that can never be questioned
- A standing that can never be shaken
- A justification that can never be reversed
- A seal that can never be broken
- An inheritance that can never be alienated
- A wealth that can never be depleted
- A possession that can never be measured
- A strength that can never be weakened

**Ps 18:2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower.**

## E. WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE IN A CHURCH SERVICE?

**Instructions for the church:** There is a difference between religion and a relationship with God, coming to church for prayer and having an Apostolic prayer meeting, hearing a sermon or hearing the preached word of God

**Exhortation:** Having the fire, the power, and anointing makes all the difference between having dry, dull, boring church or having the flood gates of heaven pouring out the Holy Ghost and having Apostolic revival!

- Ps 134:2 **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary**, and bless the LORD.
- Ps 107:1 **O give thanks unto the LORD**, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.
- Ps 47:1 **O clap your hands**, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
- Ps 100:1 **Make a joyful noise unto the LORD**, all ye lands.
- Ps 149:3 **Let them praise his name in the dance**: let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.
- Ps 56:4 **In God I will praise his word**, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

## F. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Luke 3:16** I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire:

1. He was “The man sent from God”
2. He would have the spirit and power of Elijah
3. He preached “Repent, the kingdom of heaven is at hand”
4. He preached “And all flesh shall see the salvation of God
5. He preached “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and fire

- HE HAD THE BOLDNESS OF ISAIAH, THE PASSION OF JEREMIAH AND THE ANOINTING OF ELIJAH
- HE WAS A VOICE, NOT AN ECHO, MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

## G. CLOSING THOUGHTS:

### **Jesus has compassion:**

- On the crowd with no shepherd: Matt 9:36
- All that were sick among the crowd: Matt 14:14
- The crowd that had no food: Matt 15:32
- The healing of the 2 blind men Matt 20:34
- The leper with the withered hand: Mark 1:41
- The man with the legion of demons: Mark 5:19
- The widow whose son died: Luke 7:13

Jesus made the ultimate difference at Calvary by going to the cross and dying for our sins