

ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLIING JUDE 1:24

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Introduction:

In 2 Timothy Paul reminds Timothy of perilous times that are coming.

2 Timothy 3:1-5

¹ This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ² For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴ Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵ Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

The word "*perilous*" here means "*dangerous, difficult.*"

We are surely living in some *dangerous* and *difficult* times!

Who could have ever imagined that we would see a day in the history of man when men are marrying men?

A day when women would be allowed to kill their own babies? A day when truth has been set aside for fables and fables exalted to truth?

A day when premarital sex and promiscuity are considered as normal and expected?

A day when pornography can be piped right into our homes?

These verses we read in the book of Jude give us *instruction*, and supply us with *encouragement* to live godly IN TIMES LIKE THESE!

We are living in days when standing for the truth is considered an act of intolerance.

Being willing to compromise is considered an act of graciousness.

Being loose with the truth is considered better than standing for the truth.

Jude in his short epistle gives us what we need as God's people to stand for the truth and stay true for God IN TIMES LIKE THESE!

Note:

1. REMEMBER THE APOSTLES WORDS

Jude 1:17-19

¹⁷ But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; ¹⁸ How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

A. There Will Be Deniers

Note what we read in 1 Peter and 1 Timothy said:

2 Peter 3:3

³ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

1 Timothy 4:1-2

¹ Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; ² Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

What do they deny?

- The Virgin Birth
- The Vicarious Death
- The Victorious Return of Christ

B. There Will Be Defilers

Jude 1:16

¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.

Jude 1:18-19

¹⁸ How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹ These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

2 Peter 2:10

¹⁰ But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

2 Peter 2:12

¹² But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption;

- Their Course – Walk after their own ungodly lust, murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lust and their mouth speak great swelling words.

- Their Character – Having not the spirit

Romans 8:9

⁹ But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

In times like these we must remember ...

2. RELY ON THE SPIRIT

Jude 1:20

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

A. We Need the Spirit of Instruction

Colossians 2:6-8

⁶ As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, *so* walk ye in him: ⁷ Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving. ⁸ Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

1 Peter 4:6-7

⁶ For for this cause was the gospel preached also to them that are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. ⁷ But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

2 Timothy 2:23

²³ But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

John 16:13

¹³ Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1 Corinthians 2:11-14

¹¹ For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of

the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. ¹³ Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. ¹⁴ But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

B. We Need the Spirit's Intercession

Romans 8:26-27

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. ²⁷ And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

3. REJOICE IN THE SAVIOR

Jude 1:24-25

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

In times like these we need to:

A. Rejoice in the Savior's Ability

- The Savior's Ability to Preserve Our Souls

Romans 8:31

³¹ What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Philippians 1:6

⁶ Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

- The Savior's Ability to Present Us Spotless

Ephesians 5:25-27

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; ²⁶ That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

B. Rejoice In the Saviour's Authority

Jude 1:25

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

Notice these Attributes

- Glory
- Majesty
- Dominion
- Power

Close:

In times like these we need to Remember the Word,
Rely On the Spirit, Rejoice In the Spirit.