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Transforming Daily
“ . . . contend earnestly for the faith . . . ”
Jude v.3

Jude writes to the “called,” “sanctified,” and “preserved in Jesus Christ” of his day. The bottom line of his message to the first century believers is for them to be careful of false teachers who are already in their midst. Jude describes the false teachers to some extent, and contrasts who they are and how they live with true believers.

Though it is difficult to determine specifically from where and to whom Jude was writing, the message is pointed and universal for all Christians everywhere and for all times. The message also gives the believer an admonition of sorts. When Jude describes how the false teachers act, it is an opportunity for the believer to examine his or her own life accordingly, e.g., grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts, etc. Obviously there is more to being a false teacher than just an act of disobedience (vs. 4, 10, 12, 13, 16, 18, 19).

False teachers can be found everywhere. They are at school, the work place, recreation field, and even at church. The only way to resist false teaching is to know and practice the truth. The most effective use of false teaching is when the false teacher agrees in part with the truth. Deception depends on partial truth in order to get the hearer to let their guard down. A good illustration would be a fishing lure.

Are you a dedicated student of the Bible? Are you confident in your faith? Do you fellowship often with other mature believers? Is your life filled with ministry, service and soul winning? Do you daily contend earnestly for the faith?