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**Transforming Daily**  
**“... mockers in the last time ...”**  
*Jude 18*

Mockers not only make fun of what one may sincerely believe, they also deride the individual as well as what they believe. Mockers are ignorant and intolerant of what they don't understand about God and Christ let alone those who truly believe. It is one thing to mock something or someone in jest (laughing with them not at them); it is entirely another thing to devalue who they are with genuine contempt for their spiritual belief and practice in Christ.

Jude, in this text, reminds the believers of the early church that in the end time there will be those who will ignorantly and intolerantly deride and denigrate the truth of the gospel and those who believe it. Mockers will do their best to undermine the confidence and courage of those who believe in Jesus Christ. These mockers may very well believe in something other than the gospel or nothing at all. Their mocking is a result of jealousy and envy fueled by fear, wickedness, bitterness, and guilt. Jude doesn't condone ill-treatment of mockers by believers who may be mocked, but only to remind the believer that mockers exist, have existed, and will always exist especially in the last time.

The end time has been since the days of Jesus. Technically, believers have been in the last days for the past 2000 years. So if Jude's message was important to the believers of the early church, how much more now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Irrespective of the spirit of antichrist, mockers in the last time, or the intensification of false teachings, the believer's calling, charge, and commission is to make disciples of all nations by teaching them the teachings' of Christ, and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20).

Are you bothered by those who mock our Savior? Are you prepared to experience being mocked personally for your faith in Christ? How do you respond when someone mocks and scoffs at your faith? Just remember there will be mockers in the last time.