

Ask yourself, "What truths can I put into practice?
What changes should I make in my life"?
Write down your answers.

Ask yourself, "How does God want me to live differently, in light of what I have learned from the book of Jude?"

Write down your answers.

Ask yourself, "How would I try to communicate these truths to someone 10-15 years old?"

Write down your answers.



He clearly states his purpose for writing:



#1

I must write... urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people.

(v3b)

#2

"...some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives." (v4)

These clear statements give us a specific guideline for application.



of our application should be:

Ways to 'defend the faith' DEFEND



Let's discuss them in the order they appear in the text...

Jude lists many actions
which characterize

"submitting to the temptation
to live immorally"

"...they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ." (v4)

A clear opportunity for application would be doing the very opposite

Application:

We must acknowledge and embrace Jesus as Lord and Master.

"...who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them..." (v6)

"...left the place where they belonged." (v7)

Application:

We must stay within the limits of authority God has given us.

"...filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion." (v7)

Application:

We must resist sexual temptation of every form.

"...who claim authority from their dreams— live immoral lives, defy authority..." (v8)

Application:

We must hold high the authority of God's word and submit to it. "...scoff at supernatural beings...these people scoff at things they do not understand."

(v8, 10)

Application:

We must not scoff at the truth no matter how hard it is to accept or understand.

"...they do whatever their instincts tell them..." (10)

Application:

We must not follow our instincts (flesh) but rather follow the Spirit.

"These people are grumblers and complainers, living only to satisfy their desires. They brag loudly about themselves, and they flatter others to get what they want." (v16)

Application:

We must not grumble, complain or boast in ourselves or vainly flatter others.

Jude lists many actions which characterize "defending the faith"



"...you, my dear friends, must remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ predicted." (v17)

Application:

We must regularly remind ourselves of the apostles writings and predictions.

"...you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith..."(v20)

Application:

We must <u>actively</u> seek to build each other up in our faith and our walk with God.

"...pray in the power of the Holy Spirit..." (v20)

Application:

We must <u>regularly</u>
pray to God in (and
for) the power that the
Spirit provides.

"...await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life."(v21)

Application:

We must regularly remind ourselves of what our <u>future</u> holds. (Eternal life and secured peace with God).

"...you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering."(v22)

"Rescue others by snatching them from the flames..." (v23)

Application:

We must look for ways to encourage (come along side) of those who are struggling to hold firm.

"Show mercy to others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives." (v23)

Application:

Do not <u>budge</u> on your understanding (and hatred) of sin...but do all you can to <u>rescue</u> people from those sins.



