

Let's Talk Kingdom Talk *'The times we live in'*

Scripture References: Jude 1:17-19; 2 Peter 3:2-4

Introduction to study:

- Who? The people of God and non-believers
- What? Need to know what the signs of false teachings are
- When? This age or the times we are living in
- Why? To safeguard our spiritual growth/ our faith

Read Jude 1:17-19

It's important to note that the *'people who follow mere natural instincts'* that Jude was referring to, were apart of the church (vs 12) These people were attending festivals or *love feast'*.

They were not only teaching false doctrine, but they were going about gathering a faction to follow them from within the church. (**NOTE the story of Korah & Moses**)

These people are deceived into thinking they are more elite and spiritual than they really are.

➤ **What should the believer do?**

Jude encourages the believer to build themselves up in their most holy faith & pray in the Holy Spirit.

I believe this is when we are to pray for wisdom, understanding and discernment.

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➤ **How do we spot false teachings/doctrines?**

One sure sign of a false teacher or those who perpetrate erroneous doctrines is their blatant disregard for God's written truth. They usually mock Truth. Many times they attempt to discredit the Word of God or the Church.

They may present a passionate almost intelligent argument of why a sound biblical truth is not what is 'meant'. If a believer is not careful, they could be lead astray. That's why it is important to study the word of God and ask Him for understanding of what His truth is saying.

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➤ **False teachers follow unrighteous impulses**

False teachers pick and choose verses to justify their sinful habits and desires (i.e., greed, sexual immorality, drinking, etc.)

Taking scriptures out of context is addressed in the word of God.

In Deuteronomy 4:2, "You shall not add to the word which I am commanding you, nor take away from it, so that you may keep the

commandments of the Lord your God which I am commanding you.”

Deuteronomy 12:32, “Whatever I command you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take anything away from it.”

Revelation 22:18, “I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book; If anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book.”

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➤ **False Teachers/doctrines serve to divide people**

We see this throughout the scriptures of those who wanted to divide the congregations of believers, and we would see the apostles give stern and direct corrections (read **Philippians 3:2; Proverbs 6:19; Romans 16:17-18; Titus 3:9-11**)

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➤ **False Teachers are worldly minded**

They are more interested in getting enough people to follow them on social media, rather than teaching the word of God! Those who teach false doctrines are quick to compromise the truth of God to remain in the favor of people, this is a dangerous place to be. Many of the Kings of Israel fell from the grace of God because they wanted to please the people more than pleasing God.

Spirit filled teachers recognize that humility and unity with their students is the key. ([Philippians 2:1-4](#))

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