

Everybody Is Not Qualified

Jude 1:3-16 NLT (3) Dear friends, I had been eagerly planning to write to you about the salvation we all share. But now I find that I must write about something else, urging you to defend the faith that God has entrusted once for all time to his holy people. (4) I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live **immoral** lives. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

(5) So I want to remind you, though you already know these things, that Jesus first rescued the nation of Israel from Egypt, but later he destroyed those who did not remain faithful. (6) And I remind you of the angels who did not stay within the limits of authority God gave them but left the place where they belonged. God has kept them securely chained in prisons of darkness, waiting for the great day of judgment. (7) And don't forget Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighboring towns, which were filled with immorality and every kind of sexual perversion. Those cities were destroyed by fire and serve as a warning of the eternal fire of God's judgment.

(8) In the same way, these people—who claim authority from their dreams—live **immoral** lives, defy authority, and scoff at supernatural beings. (9) But even Michael, one of the mightiest of the angels, did not dare accuse the devil of blasphemy, but simply said, "The Lord rebuke you!" (This took place when Michael was arguing with the devil about Moses' body.) (10) But these people scoff at things they do not understand. Like unthinking animals, they do whatever their instincts tell them, and so they bring about their own destruction. (11) What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, who killed his brother. Like Balaam, they deceive people for money. And like Korah, they perish in their rebellion.

(12) When these people eat with you in your fellowship meals commemorating the Lord's love, they are like dangerous reefs that can shipwreck you. They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves. They are like clouds blowing over the land without giving any rain. They are like trees in autumn that are doubly dead, for they bear no fruit and have been pulled up by the roots. (13) They are like wild waves of the sea, churning up the foam of their shameful deeds. They are like wandering stars, doomed forever to blackest darkness.

(14) Enoch, who lived in the seventh generation after Adam, prophesied about these people. He said, "Listen! The Lord is coming with countless thousands of his holy ones (15) to execute judgment on the people of the world. He will convict every person of all the ungodly things they have done and for all the insults that ungodly sinners have spoken against him." (16) 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.

They are not just behind the podiums. They do their work in the church as well as outside the church. Who are we referring to as they? "**False Teachers**" of the gospel. In the gospels, Jesus tells us that everyone who claims Him is not for Him. Do not be deceived by the way they speak or even how educated they may be. That's why it's so important to show thyself approved! For if you don't, you will become just as they are, "**Not Qualified**"! They are about selfish gain. They want a title, to be seen as this or that and their heart is so far away from Christ. They will not speak the truth because they know that this include them. Instead they speak to the music that soothes the immoral soul. A lot of them speak to entertain the congregation and like hypocrites, we promote them or worship them, instead of what is the truth. They are more or less after the dollar than what is known as the truth. They claim to be full of "**The Spirit**" as I said in the previous week's meditation. Instead, they are full of **A spirit**! What defines a false teacher? Anyone who speaks of what is not divine, what is not pure, what is not of Christ! It is one thing to be ignorant of the word of God and to make corrections what one may been doing or have done incorrectly. It's another thing when one has the wrong motives and no intention to do what is right! A lot of people receive jobs and are not qualified to do them. The teaching of God's word is not a job, it's a command that Jesus gave us. To be qualified we must be believers and doers of His word. Otherwise, we are not qualified!

SCRIPTURE READING

TITUS 1:15-16

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Teach the word of God by living it.

