

**“Don’t Be Fooled By
False Teachers”
Jude 8 - 16**

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Character = Strength of moral fiber; a sum of their dispositions, thoughts, intentions and desires

A person's character is who they really are when no one is watching

Verse 8

**Don't be fooled by false teachers -
*Check Out Their Character***

1) They defile the flesh

- to smear with filth
- no restraint on their fleshly urges

2) They reject authority

- no one will rule over me

3) Speak evil of dignitaries

- degrade all who will not embrace their deception

Verse 9 - 10

**Don't be fooled by false teachers -
*Big Talk***

Big talk >

Reviling accusations >

Control language

**Michael (the arc angel) knew his order
- God is a God of order**

**Michael did not speak evil of the
devil**

**Notice how Michael (a powerful arc
angel) dealt with the devil - *“the
Lord rebuke you”***

Deceivers have no respect for God's order

- there is no respect for God!
- there is no fear of God!!

**KIND OF LOOKS LIKE AMERICA
TODAY!!**

A false teacher' hallmark:

- Distort the Word
Cults are masters at this

Rule #1 in hermeneutics (*interpretation of Scripture*) = context, context, context!

False teachers frequently use the Word of God out of context to prove their point

False teachers abuse the Word of God
- like brute beasts!

Verse 11

**Don't be fooled by false teachers -
*Their Ways***

The **way** of Cain - **ANGER**

Seek God your own way

Genesis 4: 2-7

The **way** of Balaam - **GREED**

They want payment and power

Numbers 22 - 25

The **way** of Korah - **ENVY**

I want what you have

Numbers 16

False teachers are cut out of
the same cloth as these guys;
*they are angry, greedy and
envious!!*

Verse 12 - 13

**Don't be fooled by false teachers -
*They ultimately bring
uselessness and chaos***

“spots in your love feasts”

- like hidden reefs, submerged rocks can sink ships- *these can sink your life!*

“clouds with no water” - useless

“trees with no fruit” - useless

“raging waves” - chaos is their calling card

“wandering stars”

- like shooting stars (here, then gone)
- all that's left is darkness, ruined lives, chaos!

False teachers' destiny

- blackness of darkness forever!!

Verse 14 - 15

**Don't be fooled by false teachers -
*They are doomed!***

Judgment is sure -

THE LORD IS COMING!

Why does Jesus come?

To put an end to evil and the evil one

To establish His rule over the earth - **Revelation 11: 15-16**

To establish His kingdom, an eternal Kingdom - **Isaiah 9: 6-7**

Who comes with Jesus?

You do!!

“ten thousand of His saints”

also Revelation 19: 11-16

Verse 16

**Don't be fooled by false teachers -
*Their ways***

**They spread an undercurrent of
unrest:**

**They cast doubt, they grumble
and complain**

**These are people who try to
sell you the future with
swelling words and flattery**

**Deceivers pedal a new spirituality;
they tell people what they want to
hear and people love it!**

**2 Timothy 4: 3-5 speaks of
these people**

**CONCLUSION: *DON'T BE FOOLED
BY FALSE TEACHERS***

The false teachers' calling card
is deception

The Colossians are an example
of believers who were in
danger of buying into an empty
deception

Colossians 2: 8

***DON'T BE FOOLED
BY FALSE TEACHERS!!***