

TO PROVOKE YOUR THINKING:

1. Does any of these words describe your commitment in routinely living-out your faith - *fighting, exercising, competing, striving for the mastery*? How?
2. Jude writes this letter to the “called”, that is, called out or separated. Read Roman 12:1-2 and described what you’re separated from.
3. Jude describes his audience as “beloved in God the Father” and “kept for Jesus Christ”. Read Romans 8:28-30. Verses 29-30 lists a chain-link of 5 words that are unbreakable in the accomplished actions of God toward His children. A chain of indestructible words He drapes around the neck of His beloved to wear as our identity. These are five things that God, before the foundation of the earth, purposed to fulfill in the life of each believer, and what He has purposed He will see accomplished. (Isaiah 46:10)
 - a. You, who He _____ would one day be His child, His Beloved.
 - b. You, who He _____ to become more and more like Jesus.
 - c. You, who He _____ into a relationship with Himself.
 - d. You, who He _____ through Jesus’ atonement and now stand as righteous.
 - e. You, who He will be _____ with a new resurrected body in your heavenly home.
 - f. You, who He loves passionately and faithfully as His Beloved.
 - g. You, whose salvation He secures and keeps through the power of Jesus’ blood.

These are written as past-tense action verbs because God purposed them to happen and Jesus death and resurrection made them a reality. Now turn back to verse 1 of Jude and see two more links in the chain of things God and Jesus are presently doing on our behalf:

- h. _____ in God the Father. (KJV say *sanctified by God the Father*)
- i. _____ for Jesus Christ. (KJV says *preserved in Jesus Christ*)

So, between these two passages we have seven things God has done, is doing, or will do on our behalf. Seven things that are His work, His responsibility alone. Seven truths about those, the “called”, reading Jude’s letter. And seven truths about you. This is the work your God has done, is doing, and will do on your behalf. These seven truths about you are never wavering, never insecure, all fully accomplished.

4. God to show you one area of your life in which you’re living as a spectator instead of a contender.