

# A FAITH THAT FIGHTS: LESSONS FROM JUDE - LESSON 2

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## TO PROVOKE YOUR THINKING:

(Study Hint: Search a dictionary for any word you don't understand in the context of a sentence)

1. This word “contend” that Jude uses in verse 3 was translated from the Greek word *epagōnezomi* and defined as *to struggle earnestly for; to fight; labor fervently; or to strive*. It's a word used literally for a boxer as they compete for a prize.
  - a. Identify one person, place, thing or situation in your daily/weekly routine that you really struggle with as your life is conforming to the image of Jesus Christ.
  - b. Does your faith (or your reliance) in God help you in this struggle? How or why not. Recall and write specific time when your faith sustained you and another time when the struggle just seems hopeless.
  - c. How does this “*faith that was handed down*” help you filter out noise in
    - i. Your personal desires, defenses, ambitions, or aspirations; and
    - ii. The opinions and judgment of family, friends, associates, employer, and other persons of influence

2. For instructions on how to “*earnestly contend*” read the first divisions of Psalms (vv 1-3) and II Timothy 2:14

*PSM*<sup>1</sup> *Blessed is the person who does who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the \_\_\_\_\_*  
*And on His Law he \_\_\_\_\_.*<sup>3</sup> *He will be like a tree \_\_\_\_\_*  
*by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season, And its leaf \_\_\_\_\_ wither;*  
*And in whatever \_\_\_\_\_.*

*II TIM 2:14* *Remind them of these things, and solemnly exhort them in the presence of God not to \_\_\_\_\_, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the listeners. <sup>15</sup> Be \_\_\_\_\_ to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed, \_\_\_\_\_.*<sup>16</sup> *But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness, <sup>17</sup>and their talk will spread like gangrene.*

## October 27 Scripture References

- Jude 1-4
- James 1:1
- Ephesians 1:1-14; 6:14
- Jeremiah 31:3
- Roman 10:9-10
- John 3:16-18; 8:32;14:1,26; 16:12-13; 20:31
- I Corinthians 15:3-4
- Hebrews 11:1
- Galatians 1:6-9
- II Corinthians 4:1-18
- Colossians 2:6-7
- II Timothy 2:14