

## Lessons from Jude 4 - 10: Certain Judgement of the False Teachers

Jude 3 & 4 speaks to the need for us to contend earnestly for the faith that was once delivered to the saints and warns against infiltration by men who would bring false teachings or ideas contrary to our faith. Such infiltrators seek to change the message of our faith by causing confusion over right and wrong and loss of sight of only path to eternal life. This situation is observed in today's Church as some ministers use the Bible to justify their own opinions, life style, or behaviours not aligned to that of Christ.

May be Christians who get sucked into or susceptible to false teachings because they avoid studying the Bible for themselves and develop a personal relationship with God to learn the correct doctrine. We can only contend for the faith by challenging false doctrines when we know the true doctrine clearly. True faith shows in deep respect for God and sincere desire to live according to Bible's principles. Jude assures us that false teachers will receive certain judgement from God (Jude 4-10).

How can this passage relate to the workplace? I presume it may be similar to a situation where some employees begin to bend the rules or encourage bending the rules; cheat the company/customers; demonstrate behaviours not aligned with shared company values; or discourage others from flowing with the change being implemented by company leadership.

We are encouraged to be sensitive to talks, discussions, directions or guidance that seem to be a slightly different in a negative way with the company's expectations and are not aligned with what we have agreed to do or are best for the company, employees and leaders. We should not allow ourselves to be overtaken by negative talks. Going by Jude's writing we are encouraged not to allow ourselves to be distracted from pursuing excellence in our role as employees and leaders that are based on company's mission, vision and values we have agreed to and we know are good for us.

We should strive not to desert our role as loyal, committed and engaged employees. Remember we are to work as on to God not men. As leaders we are expected to continue to function as good shepherds watching out for people who seek to cause employees to be less loyal, committed and engaged in their roles.

Remember as leaders that "Even Michael the archangel did not combat the enemy on his own authority, but spoke in the name of the Lord. Mature leaders swallow their egos and recognize God as their power source. They walk confidently in His authority, but never assume credit for it. Faith enables them to stretch, while humility enables them to stoop." – John Maxwell

In closing in Jude 8- 10, we encouraged not to reject authority and slander others, that is, ensure we foster a respectful workplace. Remember those who do such things are prone to losing their jobs and/or influence as leaders.

May you be the person that pulls the team together towards achieving team and organizational goals in God-honouring ways.

Be the Salt and Light and avoid certain judgement.