

## How To Identify Terrorists In The Church

(Jude 8)

- I. The Caution against Apostate Confusion.
  - A. What makes the enemy so dangerous to the church is the same thing that makes terrorists dangerous to our nation.
    1. One, we don't know who they are.
    2. Two, they don't mind blowing themselves right into hell forever with their lies.
  - B. The terrorists in the church are far more dangerous than terrorists in the world because those in the world can kill the body, but those in the church damn men's souls.
  - C. We have been called to protect the church from those who attack the truth. (vs 3)
  - D. Apostasy means to defect, to depart, to abandon the faith.
  - E. Verses 8 to 10 give three attributes of apostate character.
    1. They are immoral.
    2. They are insubordinate.
    3. And they are irreverent.
- II. Three Cases of Apostate Condemnation (Jude 5-7)
  - A. Israel was delivered by God out of Egypt but because they defected from Him, He destroyed them all in the wilderness.
  - B. Angels who rebelled in a special way and abandoned their proper habitation were chained by God in the abyss, separate from the other fallen angels, who will be punished later.
  - C. Sodom and Gomorrah's sin of homosexuality ran so hot that they were all consumed by fire.
- III. Three Characteristics of Apostate Character. (Jude 8)
  - A. They are insubordinate.
    1. The word "dreamers" refers to revelatory dreams.
    2. False teachers from Joseph Smith to Benny Hinn claim that God speaks to them in their dreams and visions.
    3. They've rejected the authority of the Word of God.
  - B. They are immoral.
    1. "Defile" is from a verb meaning to pollute, or corrupt.
    2. Linked with "flesh," it speaks of sexual sin.
    3. It may not show immediately but it comes out in time.
  - C. They are irreverent.
    1. "Speak evil" is the word from which we get blaspheme.
    2. "Dignities" is the word from which we get doxology, meaning glory.
    3. They will not come under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.
- IV. Conclusion
  - A. Apostates defile the flesh, that's immorality.
  - B. They reject authority, that's insubordination.
  - C. They revile dignities, that's irreverence.
  - D. If you want to spot an apostate, look for these things.