

Purity or Popularity, what is your goal? #2

Jude 12-25

The sad truth about the Godless: (v. 12a)

- They keep others from going forward.
- They only care about themselves. (v. 12b)
- They only show signs of promise. (v. 12c)
- They bear no fruit and have no root. (v. 12d)
- They care not that their sins are seen by all. (v. 13a)
- Their light is only temporary at best. (v. 13b)
- They are always discontented in life. (v. 16a)
- They live for themselves. (v. 16b)
- They are proud of their sin. (v. 16c)
- They use others for their own means. (v. 16d)

The final estate of the Godless:

- They will be judged by God. (vv. 14-15a, Phil. 2:10-11)
- They will be convicted of all the sin they committed. (v. 15b)

A reminder to the Godly:

- Remember the teachings of the Lord. (v. 17) **What?**
 - The Godless would scoff at evil and *sate their own* desires. (v. 18, 2 Tim. 3:1-5)
 - They would cause divisions among you. (v. 19a)
 - They live sinfully because they do not have the Holy Spirit. (v. 19b)
- Build each other up in the faith. (v. 20a, Eph. 4:29, 1 Thess. 5:11, Heb. 10:24-25)
- Pray in the power of the Spirit. (v. 20b, Eph. 6:18, Phil. 4:4-7, 1 Thess. 5: 16-18)
- Rely on the mercy of God. (v. 21, Rom. 12:19)
- Show mercy to others. (vv. 22-23, Matt. 7:12)

Points to Ponder:

- Remember, sinners live for themselves, we live for God!
- Remember, sinners have temporary solutions to permanent problems, we have a permanent solution to temporary problems!
- Remember, sinners rely on their own strength for living, we rely on the power of the Holy Spirit!
- Remember, sinners want from others what they don't do to others, we do unto others as we would have them do unto us!