

"A Winning Strategy, Part 1"

Sunday, March 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Jude 1:17-21

BIG IDEA: Plan your work, then work your plan.

*"But you, Dear Friends...
build yourselves up in your most holy faith."
Jude 1:20a (CSB)*

 **Remember.** (v17-19)

 **Build.** (v20a)

 **Pray.** (v20b)

 **Love.** (v21a)

 **Wait.** (v21b)

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READ: Jude 1:1-25, then review v17-21

THINK: Review Jude's encouragement to his readers, then ask yourself these questions: *What is your best winning strategy in chess, checkers, or Monopoly?*

What apostolic predictions does Jude have in mind for his readers (v17)? How do the scoffers bring division (v19a)? What does it mean to not have the Spirit (v19b)? How would you summarize "the faith" to someone new to Christianity? To what extent is prayer part of your winning strategy (v20)? How do we pray "in the Holy Spirit" (v20)? What does it mean to "keep yourselves in the love of God" (v21)? Does it frustrate you to wait? Why or why not? How do we actively wait for our eternal destiny (v21)?

DO: Itemize a personal plan to manage each of the strategic elements to spiritual victory taught in today's message.