

"Know Your Enemy, Part 2"

Sunday, March 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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Jude 1:12-16

BIG IDEA: Aim at nothing, you'll hit it every time.

*"I want to remind you...
you came to know these things once and for all..."
Jude 1:5a (CSB)*

Those who have fallen from the faith...

☞ **Cause spiritual shipwreck for others.** (v12a)

☞ **Neglect the oversight of God's People.** (v12b)

☞ **Produce spiritual famine.** (v12d)

☞ **Flaunt their unrighteousness.** (v13a)

☞ **Follow no meaningful course in life.** (v13b)

☞ **Face certain judgement.** (v14, 15)

☞ **Criticize, complain, and find fault.** (v16a)

☞ **Pursue sinful self-satisfaction.** (v16b)

☞ **Boast about themselves.** (v16c)

☞ **Flatter others to only benefit themselves.** (v16d)

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READ: Jude 1:1-25, then review v12-16

THINK: Examine Jude's continued exposé of ungodly heretical false teachers, then ask yourself these questions: *How does someone spiritually "shipwreck" another person? What does biblical "shepherding" look like? How do we become fruitful for God and His People? What sins do people boast about and excuse within the Church today? What judgement is Jude speaking of (v14, 15)? What is the antithesis of criticizing, complaining and constantly finding fault? How do we guard against sensual selfish living? What is the opposite of arrogant boasting? What is the difference between a genuine compliment and flattery?*

DO: Revisit your "assignment" from last week and amend your strategy to avoid the failures Jude warns about, and then share your plan with at least one other person.