

Put Up A Real Fight For The Faith!

Jude 1:3-4 (J.B. Phillips) - I fully intended, dear friends, to write to you about our common salvation, but I feel compelled to make my letter to you an earnest appeal to put up a real fight for the faith which has been once and for all committed to those who belong to Christ. For there are men who have surreptitiously entered the Church but who have for a long time been heading straight for the condemnation I shall plainly give them. They have no real reverence for God, and they abuse his grace as an opportunity for immorality. They will not recognize the only master, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Co 2:1-5

1. When I came to you, brothers, I did not come with eloquence or superior wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.
2. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.
3. I came to you in weakness and fear, and with much trembling.
4. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,
5. so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power.

1Cor. 4:20 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

Lk. 17:20-21

20. Once, having been asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation,
21. nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because the kingdom of God is within you."

Rom. 14:17 - For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit...

Jn 7:37-39

37. On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.
38. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

39. By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

2Chron. 12:9-10

9. When Shishak king of Egypt attacked Jerusalem, he carried off the treasures of the temple of the LORD and the treasures of the royal palace. He took everything, including the gold shields Solomon had made.

10. So King Rehoboam made bronze shields to replace them and assigned these to the commanders of the guard on duty at the entrance to the royal palace.

John 6:63 - The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

Mk 16:15-18

15. He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.

16. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.

17. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;

18. they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Mk 16:20 - Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Mat 10:7-8

7. As you go, preach this message: 'The kingdom of heaven is near.'

8. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

1. The Message & 2. The Manifestation

1. The good news & 2. The power of God producing the results

Mk 16:15-20 was not written to a certain select group of pastors or prophets, or evangelists, but to every believer.

The Holy Spirit brings with him nine mighty gifts of power to manifest the divine supernatural character and power of God to the world.

Jude says... I feel compelled to make my letter to you an earnest appeal to put up a real fight for the faith which has been once and for all committed to those who belong to Christ.

John 14:12 - I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 16:23 - In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

1John 4:17 - In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him.

Matthew 11:12 - From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

Rom. 8:19 - The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.