> They said to you, “In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.
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> — *Jude 1:18-19*

Book: New Testament / Jude
Topics: Church, desires, Spirit, end times

Interpretation:
The Book of Jude is a short letter written by *Jude*, who calls himself *“a servant of Jesus Christ”* and *“the brother of James” (Jude 1:1)*. Jude wrote this letter to warn believers about “certain men who have crept in secretly” into the churches *(Jude 1:4)*.

These men are called “wicked men” who *“have exchanged the grace of our God for lewdness”* and “deny our only Lord and Master Jesus Christ” *(Jude 1:4)*. Jude expresses his concern about the negative influence of these men who lead believers into lies. *Jude 1:18* is part of a description of these men and their evil influence in the end times. In this verse, Jude speaks of scoffers who act according to their own evil desires.

Scoffers are those who ridicule the truth, faith, and Christian values. These are people who have no fear of God and seek to harm the truth and those who profess it. Moreover, these scoffers act according to their evil desires, that is, they act in accordance with their selfish interests instead of implementing the Christian values ??of love, compassion and justice.

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> Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance.
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> — *Jude 1:2*

Book: New Testament / Jude

Topics: blessing, love, peace

Interpretation:
The second verse of Jude is a blessing that the author extends to his readers, wishing them mercy, peace, and increased love. In biblical terms, mercy is the grace that God gives to those who do not deserve His forgiveness; peace is a state of calm that can only be achieved through faith in God; and love is the nature of God, demonstrated in His sacrifice for humanity on the cross.

Mercy

The word *"mercy"* in Greek is *"eleos,"* which refers to God's extreme compassion for sinners. God is merciful because He is the source of grace, goodness, and forgiveness. Humans often sin and fail, but through God's mercy we are renewed and restored and can enjoy His unconditional love.

Peace

The peace mentioned in this verse is not the absence of problems or conflicts, but rather a state of inner peace that can only be achieved by those who trust God wholeheartedly. We know that life can be hard, but *Jesus* promised us that we will find peace in Him *(John 14:27)*.

Love

The love mentioned in this verse is essentially the love of God, demonstrated in His love for the world on the cross. God's love is inexhaustible and is the true source of all love. People may not love others in the right way, but if we focus on God's love, we can learn to love as He loves us.

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> But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.
> — *Jude 1:20-21*

Book: New Testament / Jude
Topics: Church, Eternal life, faith, Holy Spirit, Jesus, love

Interpretation:

Jude, the brother of James, wrote a letter of encouragement to first-century Christians who were threatened by false teachers who had infiltrated the church. *Verses 20-21* of his letter are a call to believers to build their lives on faith in *Jesus Christ* and prayer in the *Holy Spirit*.

Faith is the foundation of our relationship with God. Without it, it is impossible to please God *(Hebrews 11:6)*. But faith is not something we can build ourselves. It is a gift from God that we must receive through faith *(Ephesians 2:8-9)*. And once we have received faith, we must build our lives on it.

Faith is not simply believing that God exists. It is trusting Him and His Word. It is believing that He is faithful and that He will keep His promises. It is confidence in what we hope for and assurance in what we do not see *(Hebrews 11:1)*. When we build our lives on this faith, we will not be shaken by the trials and temptations that come our way.

Prayer is another important aspect of our relationship with God. It is a way of communicating with Him, worshiping Him, asking Him for help, thanking Him, interceding for others, etc. But prayer is not just saying aloud or being silent. It is a spiritual act that must be done by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Praying in the Holy Spirit means that we allow Him to direct our prayers. This allows the Spirit to intercede for us with groanings that cannot be uttered *(Romans 8:26-27)*. It means being in harmony with God and His will. When we pray in the Spirit, our prayers are effective and powerful.

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