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**The Book of Jude: Walking Without Stumbling**  
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**Jude 1:17 (NIV):** But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold.

**Jude 1:18 (NIV):** They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires."

**Jude 1:19 (NIV):** These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

**Luke 10:17-19 (NIV):** The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

**TO KEEP FROM FALLING INTO DECEPTION WE MUST KEEP FOLLOWING AFTER JESUS.**

**CHARACTERISTIC #1: FOLLOWERS KEEP BUILDING**

**Jude 1:20 (NIV):** But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith . . .

**Here's another characteristic of those who keep following after Jesus.**

**CHARACTERISTIC #2: FOLLOWERS KEEP PRAYING**

**Jude 1:20 (NIV):** But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit . . .

**1 Corinthians 14:2 (NIV):** For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.

**CHARACTERISTIC #3: FOLLOWERS KEEP OBEYING**

**Jude 1:20-21 (NIV):** 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 . . .

**Jude 1:1 (NIV):** Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and a brother of James, To those who have been called, who are loved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ:

**John 15:10 (NIV):** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love.

#### **CHARACTERISTIC #4: FOLLOWERS KEEP ANTICIPATING**

**Jude 1:20-22 (NIV):** 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.

#### **CHARACTERISTIC #5: FOLLOWERS KEEP RESCUING**

**Jude 1:22-23 (NIV):** Be merciful to those who doubt; save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh.

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**Jude 1:24-25 (NIV):** To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.