

Contending for Truth

Jude 1-4

The Slave, Savior, and the Saints (1)

The Slave:

The Savior:

The Saints:

Things needed in the battle for truth (2)

Mercy:

Peace:

Love:

The proposal and the problem (3)

Why is “contending” needed? (4)

7 questions to ask about a religious group or teacher (from the Life Application New Testament Commentary):

**Does it stress man-made rules rather than God's grace?

**Does it foster a critical spirit toward others, or does it exercise discipline discreetly and lovingly?

**Does it stress formulas, secret knowledge, or special visions instead of the Word of God?

**Does it elevate self-righteousness, honoring those who keep the rules, rather than elevating Christ?

**Does it neglect Christ's universal church, claiming to be an elite group?

**Does it teach humiliation of the body as a means to spiritual growth rather than focusing on the growth of the whole person?

**Does it disregard the family rather than holding it in high regard as the Bible does?