

# “The Character of the Apostate: Part 1 of 2”

A Series in the Epistle of Jude – Message 4  
Jude 8-11

**Big Idea:** Having provided in verses 5-7 three historic examples of God’s judgement against apostasy in the past, in verses 8-16 Jude reveals the character, the cause, and the conduct of apostasy both in his day and ours.

## I. The Characteristics of the Dreamers (vss. 8-9).

A. They are Characterized by Immorality (vs. 8a).

B. They are Characterized by Insubordination (vs. 8b).

C. They are Characterized by Irreverence (vs. 8c).

*1) Proper reverence as illustrated by Michael (vs. 9).*

## II. The Cause of Their Character (vs. 10).

A. They Lack Knowledge of Spiritual Things (vs. 10a).

*1) They rely on the instincts of their depraved nature (vs. 10b).*

## III. The Conduct that Results from Their Character (vs. 11).

A. They Try to Please the Lord by Their Own Means (vs. 11a).

B. They Lead God’s People Astray for Payment (vs. 11b).

C. They Rebel Against God’s Chosen Leadership (vs. 11c).

**Application:** Ultimately, the problem of apostasy stems from their denial of Christ’s Lordship. They mistakenly think He can be their Savior without being their Lord. Listen, grace is free but it isn’t cheap!

- The Apostle Peter explains in explicit terms what happens to a person when they place their trust in Christ: **2 Pt. 1:1-4**
- The Apostle Paul is clear in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to Corinth: **2 Cor. 5:14-15.**

- The Apostle John knows how to tell if you love Christ: **1 John 2:3-4**.
- Finally, notice what our Lord Himself says in His Sermon on the Mount: **Matt. 7:15-23**.