## BELIEVERS' DUTY TOWARD VICTIMS OF APOSTASY (Jude 22-23)

- I. Some Require COMPASSIONATE Aid (Jude 22)
  - A. These are CONFUSED or UNDECIDED
  - B. They are to be treated with MERCY
    - 1. Their condition is SERIOUS and must be CONFRONTED
    - They must have the truth EXPLAINED with MEEKNESS and PATIENCE
- II. Some Require AGGRESSIVE Action (Jude 23a)
  - A. These are in imminent DANGER
  - B. We are COMMANDED to SAVE them, "snatching them out of the FIRE"
    - This may mean we are to DELIVER them from DAMNATION by leading them to Christ
    - 2. This probably means we are to RESCUE them from JUDGEMENT by confronting their ERROR

- III. Some Require a CAUTIOUS Approach (Jude 23b)
  - A. They are to be treated with COMPASSION coupled with FEAR
    - 1. This may be a warning to PROTECT your TESTIMONY
    - 2. This may be a call to BEWARE personal DEFILEMENT
    - 3. This may be a reminder to use CAUTION in the fear of GOD
  - B. We must DETEST contact with DEFILEMENT
    - 1. This is a vivid description of the NATURE of the POLLUTION
    - This is a call to maintain a sense of REVULSION toward APOSTASY and IMMORALITY
    - 3. This is a command to remain COMPASSIONATE and try to HELP