

FACE OFF: FIGHTING FOR THE FAITH

SHARKS IN THE WATER

Jude 1:11-16 Jeff Schreve

For certain persons have crept in unnoticed... Jude 1:4

How can you recognize the devil's sharks in the waters of the church?

1. The devil's sharks try to tear up the way of the Lord.

Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. Jude 1:11

A. Like Cain, they pervert the way.

B. Like Balaam, they prostitute the way.

C. Like Korah, they oppose the way.

2. The devil's sharks try to hide their true colors.

These are the men who are hidden reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you without fear, caring for themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, doubly dead, uprooted; wild waves of the sea, casting up their own shame like foam; wandering stars, for whom the black darkness has been reserved forever. Jude 1:12-13

A. Be on the lookout for selfishness and greed.

*They are like shameless shepherds who care only for themselves.
Jude 1:12 NLT*

B. Be on the lookout for spiritual emptiness.

"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit." Matthew 7:15-17

C. Be on the lookout for bitterness.

D. Be on the lookout for sexual immorality.

3. The devil's sharks are destined for severe judgment.

Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him. Jude 1:14-15

* No one gets away with sin.

Are you practicing discernment?

Are you sure you are His?