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**PREMISE: Protect self and others from becoming apostates in church.**

**I. Practice Ministering to Self by Cultivating Virtues (vv. 20-21)**

 A. Cultivate Faith (v. 20a): *“building”* present participle > Jude 1:3

 1. II Pet. 1:5 ff.

 2. Rom. 10:17

 3. Eph. 4:12

 4. II Tim. 3:15 > holy scriptures

 B. Cultivate Prayer (v. 20b): *“praying”* present participle

 1. Rom. 8:26

 2. Eph. 6:18

 C. Cultivate Love (v. 21a): main verb as *aorist* imperative

 1. Mt. 22:37-39

 2. Jn. 14:15

 3. I Jn. 2:5

D. Cultivate Mercy (v. 21b): *“looking for”* present participle

 1. Acts 24:15

 2. Tit. 2:13

 3. Trinity > Spirit, God, Christ > I Jn. 5:7

**II. Practice Ministering to Saints by Capturing Victims (v. 22-23)**

 A. Capture with Compassion (v. 22)

 1. Compassion (*Eleeo* [31x]) *Aorist* imperative > start being merciful

2. Difference (*Diakrino* [19x]) >

a. present participle

b. having discernment between weak and willful

 B. Capture with Fear (v. 23) > *men…de* construction > *“some…others” >* 2 groups not 3

 1. Save (*sozo* [110x])

a. present imperative (continue saving)

b. Jam. 5:19-20

 2. Fear (*phobos* [47x]) >

a. Gal. 6:1 (meekness and reverence [fear])

b. I Pet. 3:15 > reverence

c. Jude 1:12 > no reverence

 3. Fire (*pur* [74x]) > Zech. 3:2-3

 4. Hating (*miseo* [42x]) > Zech. 3:3-4; Rev. 3:4 > II Pet. 2:20-22 > II Tim. 2:24-26

**CONCLUSION: We have to keep curbing our apostasy by focusing on self and saints!**