

Spiritual Rebels Jude 1:4-10

CHARACTERISTICS OF SPIRITUAL REBELS (Jude 1:4)

1. **Rare** - *“for some men.”*

2. **Irreligious** - *“they are ungodly”*

“holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people!” (2 Timothy 3:5, HCSB)

3. **Rogues** - *“come in by stealth”*

4. **Rivals** - *“turning the grace of God into promiscuity”*

“For we know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that sin’s dominion over the body may be abolished, so that we may no longer be enslaved to sin, since a person who has died is freed from sin’s claims.” (Romans 6:6–7, HCSB)

“Your boasting is not good. Don’t you know that a little yeast permeates the whole batch of dough?” (1 Corinthians 5:6, HCSB)

5. **Reject** - *“deny Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord”*

6. **Reckoned** - *“who were designated for this judgment long ago.”*

SPIRITUAL REBELS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

CASE #1 - UNBELIEVING ISRAELITES (Jude 5)

CASE #2 - REBELLIOUS ANGELS (Jude 6)

CASE #3 - SENSUALLY INDULGENT PEOPLE (Jude 7)

HOW SPIRITUAL REBELS REACT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CHURCH

7. **Reject authority** - *“these dreamers...reject authority...”* (Jude 8)

8. **Renounce God’s model for society** - *“these dreamers...defile their flesh...”* (Jude 8)

9. **Revile God and His system**

“these dreamers...blaspheme glorious ones...” (Jude 8)

“these people blapheme anything they don’t understand...” (Jude 10)

How do we “contend” with these spiritual rebels: with grace and truth

“...did not dare bring an abusive condemnation against him, but said, “The Lord rebuke you.” “
(Jude 9, HCSB)