

Hebrews 10:23 (NKJV) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV) And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV) not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Emphasis

- God has not left us helpless in the last days — He has given us **clear steps** to stay strong.
- **Jude gives three powerful safeguards:**
 - **Build yourselves up** on your most holy faith.
 - **Pray in the Holy Spirit.**
 - **Keep yourselves in the love of God.**

INTENTIONAL APPLICATION

1. **Build your faith intentionally.**
 - Faith comes by hearing the Word (Romans 10:17).
 - Listen to faith-filled preaching, read Scripture aloud, feed on teaching that magnifies Jesus and His finished work.
2. **Pray in the Spirit regularly.**
 - Set aside time to pray in tongues if you're Spirit-filled; if not, seek the baptism in the Holy Spirit.
 - Praying in the Spirit strengthens you on the inside, sharpens your discernment, and keeps your spirit sensitive.
3. **Stay in the love of God.**
 - Refuse bitterness, unforgiveness, and offense. They are open doors to deception.
 - When lawlessness abounds and culture grows colder, you choose to grow hotter in love.
4. **Stay planted in church community.**
 - Don't isolate. Isolation is where deception grows.
 - Be accountable, be teachable, and be connected to godly believers who can speak into your life.
5. **Live ready for His return.**
 - Keep short accounts with God — daily confession and repentance.
 - Live as if Jesus could come today: clean conscience, walking in love, faithful in your assignment.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION:

The Divine Mentor-Wayne Cordeiro

Amazon – less than \$10



Standing Unshaken in the Last Days

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1. Last Days Will Be Marked by Widespread Deception

Matthew 24:3 (NKJV) Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

Matthew 24:4 (NKJV) And Jesus answered and said to them: "Take heed that no one deceives you.

1 Timothy 4:1 (NKJV) Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

2 Timothy 3:13 (NKJV) But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Emphasis

- The *first sign* Jesus highlighted was not wars, earthquakes, or famines — it was **deception**.
- Deception always targets **what you believe** about Jesus, the Word, and what is right and wrong.

INTENTIONAL APPLICATION

Be alert, not passive.

- Regularly pray: "Lord, show me any area where I'm believing a lie."

Test every teaching.

- Evaluate sermons, podcasts, books, and social media "Christian content" by the **Word**, not by personality, style, or popularity.

Refuse a victim mindset.

- Don't assume, "I could never be deceived." Humility keeps you teachable; pride makes you vulnerable.

2. Satan Attacks God's Design: Identity, Sexuality, and the Family

Matthew 19:4 (NKJV) And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'

Matthew 19:5 (NKJV) and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'?

Matthew 19:6 (NKJV) So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Genesis 1:27 (NKJV) So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Romans 1:24 (NKJV) Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,

Romans 1:25 (NKJV) who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 (NKJV) For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

Romans 1:27 (NKJV) Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

1 Corinthians 6:9 (NKJV) Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

1 Corinthians 6:10 (NKJV) nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:11 (NKJV) And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Emphasis

- In the last days, culture will increasingly **normalize what God calls sin** and mock what God calls holy.
- Same-sex practice, gender confusion, and the breakdown of the family are not just “social issues”; they are **spiritual battles** over God’s design.
- We must hold a clear biblical standard **and** walk in love toward every person.
- **Satan hates God’s image, so he attacks:**
 - Male and female identity
 - Marriage
 - The covenant home and children

INTENTIONAL APPLICATION

Affirm God’s design in your own home.

- **Teach your children and grandchildren clearly and lovingly:**
- God made us male and female.
- Marriage is between one man and one woman.
- Sex belongs in the covenant of marriage.

Respond with conviction AND compassion.

- Never mock or despise people struggling with identity or sexual sin. Jesus died for them as well.
- Pray for them, love them, speak truth with tears in your eyes, not anger in your voice.

Guard your gates.

- Be intentional about what comes into your home through TV, social media, music, and school curriculum.
- Have open conversations so your family hears **God’s truth from you**, not just the world’s lies from everyone else.

3. Satan Hates the Word and Tries to Steal It From Believers

Mark 4:14 (NKJV) The sower sows the word.

Mark 4:15 (NKJV) And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Amos 8:11 (NKJV) “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God, “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.

2 Timothy 4:3 (NKJV) for the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers;

2 Timothy 4:4 (NKJV) and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.

Hebrews 2:1 (NKJV) Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away.

Emphasis

- Satan’s **primary strategy** isn’t just sickness or finances — it’s to **separate you from the Word**.
- **If he can:**
 - Keep you **too busy** to read it,
 - **Distracted** when you hear it,
 - **Offended** at it when it corrects you... then he can eventually **deceive you and pull you away**.
 - Deception grows in the dark; **truth keeps you in the light**.

INTENTIONAL APPLICATION

Daily Word priority.

- Set a daily, non-negotiable time for the Bible — even if it’s 10–15 minutes.
- Start with the Gospels and Epistles; read slowly and expectantly.

Meditate and speak the Word.

- Don’t just read — **say it**, personalize it, pray it.
- Example: “Lord, Your Word says I have the mind of Christ. I choose Your thoughts today.”

Stay where the Word is taught strongly.

- Plant yourself in a local church that honors the Bible as final authority, not as a suggestion or optional opinion.

Guard against offense at the Word.

- When the Word confronts your lifestyle, don’t run away — **repent and realign**.
- Pray: “Lord, change me, not the Bible.”

4. How Believers Can Stand and Not Fall Away

Jude 20 (NKJV) But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,

Jude 21 (NKJV) keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Matthew 24:12 (NKJV) And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.

Matthew 24:13 (NKJV) But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV) Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV) Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:12 (NKJV) For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:13 (NKJV) Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.