

CONTEND, FOR THE GODLY LIFE

Jude 1:5-7

October 4, 2026 | Pastor Gary Shavey



STUDY QUESTIONS

1. We often think that so many people can't be wrong and base our decisions on that. Unfortunately, the majority is often wrong, as the Israelites wandering in the wilderness found out. Do you evaluate every decision you make in light of what Scripture teaches? When faced with decisions, do you ask the Lord for wisdom and discernment so that you can glorify God, not yourself?
2. Have you met people at church who you sense do not really have a relationship with Jesus? How would you talk with them? How do you help people connect knowledge of God to relationship with Him? How do you help people understand that a relationship with God is not a transaction but transformation?
3. Knowing that God is just in anything He does, how do you explain God's judgments? How does knowing that God has final say bring you comfort? How do you bring the life and death of Jesus into understanding God's judgment?
4. How should Christians watch their lives and doctrine? How do you, as a follower of Jesus Christ, watch your life and doctrine? How does watching your life and doctrine bring freedom in your life?

RECOMMENDED READING

Jerry Bridges, *The Gospel for Real Life* (NavPress, 2003).

Richard Ganz, *Free Indeed: A Biblical Guide to Breaking the Cycle of Bondage* (P&R Publishing, 1993).

Patrick Morley, *Four Voices: Bringing Strength to Your Family* (Zondervan, 2010).

Sinclair Ferguson, *The Christian Life: A Doctrinal Introduction* (Banner of Truth, 1981).

Timothy Keller, *Counterfeit Gods: The Empty Promises of Money, Sex, and Power, and the Only Hope that Matters* (Dutton, 2009).

Membership Class October 4 | 12:30-2:30 pm | Youth Center | Interested in learning more about Membership? This class is open to everyone and is a great opportunity to learn more about our church, our beliefs, and what it means to be a member. Lunch will be provided! Register at cbcbellevue.com/membershipclass

GO Informational Recruitment Meeting October 4 & 11 | 12:30-2:00 pm | Room 130 | Are you interested in learning about or applying for one of our Global Outreach (GO) short-term teams for 2027? We would love to have you join us at either of our informational meetings! Healthy snacks will be provided. Learn more at cbcbellevue.com/short-term-teams

Worship & Prayer Night October 6 | 6:00-7:00 pm | Worship Center

Join us as we seek the face of our great God. Together, we will spend the hour praying through Scripture, worshipping in song, and coming before the Lord in prayer.