

**Victory Connect Lesson
The Danger of Deception
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1. Deceivers who distort the grace of God have crept in.
Jude 1:4 NLT I say this because some ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives.

2. Jude warns us that judgment will come. Jude 1:5 KJV ...the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

4. Be wary of flattery, instead, speak the truth in love.
Jude 1:16 NLT...they flatter others to get what they want.
Eph 4:15 NLT ...Instead, we will speak the truth in love.

5. We are called to edify (build up) each other.
Jude 1:20 NLT - 20 But you, dear friends, must build each other up in your most holy faith, pray in the power of the Holy Spirit,

6. Keep yourself safe in God's love.
Jude 1:21 NLT - 21 and await the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will bring you eternal life. In this way, you will keep yourselves safe in God's love.

7. How to stay safe from deception.

- Stay in the Word of God (Josh 24:10, Ps. 119:11)
- Stay Humble (Matt 23:12, Jas 4:10, 1Pet 5:6)
- Stay in Christ (Eph 1:4, Eph 2:10, 2Cor 5:17)
- Stay Surrendered to the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:16)

Discussion Questions:

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- Share a time you were edified by a brother or sister?
- Share a time you surrendered to the Holy Spirit?

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