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Dear friends...I felt compelled to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to God's holy people. 4 For certain individuals whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. Jude 1:3-4 (NIV)

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But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. 18 They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." 19 These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. Jude 1:17-19 (NIV)

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 - ◊ Which finds its foundation on God's Word

...holding on to faith

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Objective faith...not just subjective faith

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 - ◊ Which finds its expression in a good conscience

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Conscience is the proper discernment of God's Word and one's own behaviors/beliefs

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1 Corinthians 5:9-11 (NIV)

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10 not at all meaning the people of this world who are immoral... 11 But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

2 Corinthians 2:5-8 (NIV)

If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely.

6 The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. 7 Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow.

8 I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

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- Failure to do so leads to a shipwrecked faith

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Serious
Or
Scoffer?