

Jude Series

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# JUDE: CONTENDING FOR THE FAITH

## CONTENDING? NOT CULTURALLY ACCEPTABLE - PART 2

### JUDE 3



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**παρακαλέω *parakaléō*;**

**pres act ptcp,**

**“to exhort, to urge, to request, to challenge, to ask, to appeal to, to encourage” thus “to persuade, incite, or urge someone to take a certain course of action.”**

**“to write *for the purpose of challenging you ...*”**

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Present Pass (deponent) Inf.**

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# **PARAENESIS**

**Definition: a literary or rhetorical style of exhorting someone to a course of action.**

**Paraenesis is accomplished through encouragement and dissuasion.**

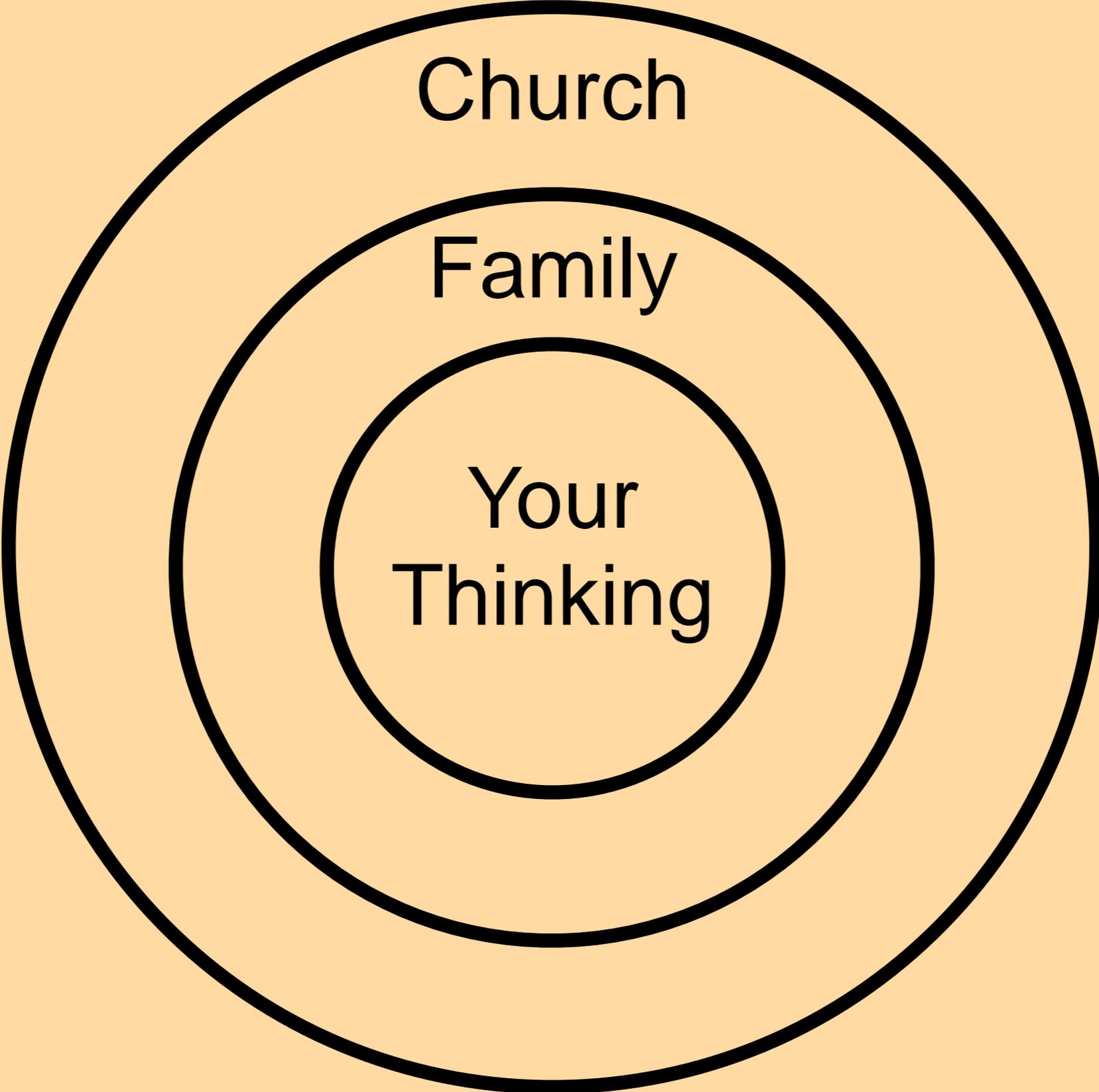
**So it has the positive of stating what should be done and why and the negative of showing why the alternative is wrong or does not work.**

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**πίστις *pistis***  
dat fem sing  
faith, belief, trust;  
value; proof

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Church

Family

Your  
Thinking

**2 Cor. 10:2, “But I beg you that when I am present I may not be bold with that confidence by which I intend to be bold against some, who think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.”**

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**καθαίρεσιν *kathairesis*  
acc fem sing  
destruction, tear down,  
demolition  
the opposite of  
edification or building  
up, cf., 2 Cor. 13:10**

**ὄχυρωμα *ochyrōma*  
gen neut plur  
fortress, fortification,  
bulwark of error or vice**

**2 Cor. 10:5, “casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,**

**2 Cor. 10:6, “and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”**

**καθαίρω (*kathaireō*):**  
pres act part masc plur nom  
**to take down, destroy,**  
**demolish**

**1 Tim. 1:18, “This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,” NKJV**

**1 Tim. 1:18, “This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight,” NASB 95**

# The Basis of Knowledge

	<b>SYSTEM</b>	<b>STARTING POINT</b>	<b>METHOD</b>
<b>Autonomous Systems of Perception</b>	<b>RATIONALISM</b>	Innate ideas Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	<b>EMPIRICISM</b>	Sense perceptions External experience; Scientific method; Faith in human ability	Independent use of logic & reason
	<b>MYSTICISM</b>	Inner, private experience; Intuition Faith in human ability	Independent, nonlogical, nonrational, nonverifiable
<b>Divine Viewpoint</b>	<b>REVELATION</b>	Objective revelation of God	Dependent use of logic and reason

# MODERNISM

Immanuel  
Kant:  
Subjectivism

RATIONALISM

EMPIRICISM

SKEPTICISM  
EXISTENTIALISM

19<sup>TH</sup>–20<sup>TH</sup>  
Centuries

Descartes  
Locke

Post-  
Modernism  
1900–present

The Enlightenment ca 1640–1780