

Three Major Tests

1. You **TEST the Spirits by the Word of God**— *and those who know God listen to us..... ²⁰Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself.*
Ephesians 2:20

See also 2 Timothy 3:16f

2. You **TEST the Spirits by the Son of God**—

² This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³ But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist.

I John 4:2-3

Incarnation? Virgin Birth? Jesus + Christ (100% Man + 100% God)
Pre-existence?

The Son of God AND God the Son! I Timothy 3:16

3. You **TEST the Spirits by the Spirit of God**—

⁴ But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.... That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. I John 4:4,6

Object of our Faith—Son of God Record of our Faith—Word of God
Energizer of our Faith—Spirit of God

Answers:

Soft Headed, Believe, Subtle, Money and Power,
Sexual, Followers, Jesus

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget

\$ 11,679.00

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REAL. SURE. DISCERNMENT!

REAL. SURE. Series Part 10 I John 4

Dear friends, **do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God.** For there are many false prophets in the world. ² This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. ³ But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here. ⁴ But you belong to God, My dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. ⁵ Those people belong to this world, so they speak from the world's viewpoint, and the world listens to them. ⁶ But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. I John 4:1-6

John emphasizes LOVE a lot in I John.

But To Be LOVING Means to be Soft-Hearted not _____!

Satan would rather have you _____ a wrong thing than to DO a wrong thing! Proverbs 23:7

HOW TO HAVE DISCERNMENT!

Not Everything Spiritual is of God!

For there are many false prophets in the world

1. Test Them by Their Methods--_____.

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. The condemnation of such people was recorded long ago, for they have denied our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ. Jude 4:1

2. Test Them by Their Motives—

Exploitation of _____.

² Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. And because of these teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. ³ In their greed they will make up clever lies to get hold of your money. But God condemned them long ago, and their destruction will not be delayed. 2 Peter 2:2-3

3. Test Them by Their Morals—_____ advantage.

² Many will follow their evil teaching and shameful immorality. 2 Peter 2:2

4. Test Them by Their Ministry—

Measure those who are their _____.

Beware of false prophets who come disguised as harmless sheep but are really vicious wolves. ¹⁶ You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act. Matthew 7:15-16

5. Test Them by Their Message—

They get _____ wrong!

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They will cleverly teach destructive heresies and even deny the Master who bought them. 2 Peter 2:1b

“Anti Christ” means “against Christ” or “in place of Christ”
2 Corinthians 11:4