

TESTING THE TEACHERS

1 John 4:1-6

Christians must test what they're being told

There are false teachers out there (*1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Pt. 2:1*)

Don't automatically believe, but do test (*1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Thes. 5:21*)

We test by looking to the source

Is it from God? (*1 Jn. 4:1-4, 6*)

Is it from the world? (*1 Jn. 4:6*)

Teaching is from the world...

If it denies the full truth regarding Christ (*1 Jn. 4:2-3*)

If it is in line with the world's anti-God message (*1 Jn. 4:3; Gen. 3:1-5; 2 Tim. 4:3; Mt. 7:12-15*)

Teaching is from God...

If it is from the Spirit of truth (*1 Jn. 4:6; Jn. 14:17, 16:13*)

If what they teach amplifies the full truth about Christ (*1 Jn. 4:2-3; Jn. 15:26*)

If what they teach is in line with the Bible (*1 Jn. 4:6; 2 Tim. 3:16*)

Don't be terrified of false teachers

We do our testing as a team (*1 Jn. 4:1; Ac. 17:10-12*)

God is greater than any false teacher (*1 Jn. 4:4; 2 Cor. 4:4; Ac. 16:14*)