

DIGGING DEEPER



1. What did you learn from our study of 1 John 4:1-6 that you did not already know? What one change do you purpose to make in your life as a result of this study?
2. What is truth? Why is it important? How dangerous is a lie? Give examples? Can Christians be deceived? Explain.
3. Compile a chart listing various tests by which you can identify the Spirit of God and the spirit of Antichrist?

Spirit of God	Spirit of Antichrist

4. What examples can you give of each? How is 1 John 4:1-6 applicable to the Church at large and to our congregation?
5. What encouragement did you discover in this passage?

For Long-Handled Shovels

- What is John's warning in this section of his epistle?
- Why does he seem to interrupt his exhortation to love one another with this warning?



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1 John 4:1-6

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. ⁴ You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are of the world. Therefore they speak *as* of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶ We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

I. Two Commands (1)

A. Who is Commanded?

B. What are the Commands?

1. "Believe not _____"

2. "Test the _____"

C. Why must these Commands be Obeyed?

II. Three Criteria (2-6)

"What is their..."

A. Confession of Jesus Christ? (2-3)

1. The Spirit of _____ = Spirit of _____
 - Affirms:
2. The spirit of _____ = spirit of _____
 - Denies:

B. Relationship with the Holy Spirit? (4-5)

1. The Children of God:
 - Have overcome the _____
 - Have the indwelling of the _____
2. The spirit of Antichrist:
 - False Prophets _____
 - False Prophets _____
 - The World listens _____

C. Communication with God the Father? (6)

1. True Saints _____
2. True Saints _____
3. The World _____