

1 John 4:1-6

I. THE COMMAND

II. THE CRITERION

III. THE COMPARISONS

I. THE COMMAND

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

II. THE CRITERION

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

III. THE COMPARISONS

4 You are from God, little children, and have overcome them;

because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.

III. THE COMPARISONS (Con't)

5 They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.

6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us.

Conclusion

By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. NASU

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Take away...

- 1. Am I a follower of Jesus?**
- 2. Am I satisfied with my connection?**
 - a. Am I enjoying the *power connection*?**
 - b. Am I hearing the voice of the Lord?**
 - c. Am I sensing the mind of the Lord?**

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