

## **"Test the Spirits"** - 1 John 4:1-6

If there ever was a passage that speaks to what is going on in our culture, it is this passage. Warfare, whether historical or spiritual, is always about ideas. Jesus called our Enemy, "the Father of Lies." **John 8:44**

**1.** Believers must test \_\_\_\_\_ that come from our culture, from church, from school, and especially our own thoughts, to determine where these ideas come from.

- Because where these thoughts originate, determines their \_\_\_\_\_. **V.1**  
**2 Cor. 11:13-15, Acts 17:11, 2 Cor. 10: 3-5**

**2.** Before you "swallow" philosophies from anybody, examine ("test") them by asking:

- A. Does what they say ... \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_?
- B. Are they committed to a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ? **1 Jn 2:19**
- C. Does their \_\_\_\_\_ match their words? **1 John 3:23-24**
- D. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of their work/ministry? **1 John 4:6**
- E. Who do they say \_\_\_\_\_? **V.2**
- F. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? **V.4**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ you against error?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ what is true?

**3. EXAMPLES** of some of the lies of the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_, that is working "even now" in our culture are: **V.3**

- A. "Jesus was just a man."
- B. "There are many paths to God."
- C. "The Bible is just a collection of the writing of men."
- D. "I'm a Christian, and because of Grace, it doesn't matter how I live."
- E. "You don't have to go to church to be a Christian."
- F. "It's smart to live together before marriage."
- G. "Abortion is a woman's choice; its just tissue."
- H. "Gay people have a right to be happy."
- I. "I am so depressed, suicide is an option."

4. There is \_\_\_\_\_ inside each Christian, therefore: **V.4**

A. You don't ever have to be \_\_\_\_\_ of anything again.

B. You have \_\_\_\_\_ over everything dark and demonic. **Luke 10:19**

C. You can completely trust Him to \_\_\_\_\_ you and  
\_\_\_\_\_ you..... all the time.

**Romans 8:14, John 14:26, 16:13**

5. People in our culture love to hear, what they \_\_\_\_\_ to hear.

**V.5 "does not listen"**

**2 Timothy 4:3**

6. You will do well in life if you \_\_\_\_\_ the  
difference between the: **V.6**

A. the spirit of error.

B. the spirit of truth.