

JOY COMPLETE:
The Joy of the Indwelling Spirit
1 John 4:1-6
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THE _____

...many false prophets have gone out into the world. (v. 1)

*O Timothy, guard the deposit entrusted to you. Avoid the irreverent babble and contradictions of what is falsely called “knowledge,” for by professing it some have swerved from the faith.
(1 Timothy 6:20-21)*

- **False teaching is** _____.
...wage the good warfare, holding faith and a good conscience. By rejecting this, some have made shipwreck of their faith, among whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme. (1 Timothy 1:18-20)

- **False teaching is** _____.
*For many deceivers have gone out into the world...
(2 John 2:7)*

- **False teaching is (often) an _____.**
For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
(2 Corinthians 11:13-14)

THE _____

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.... (v. 1)

Test the spirits means we are to practice _____.

Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21)

Test the spirits answers the questions:

1. **How does this teaching align with the _____?**
Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15)

2. What does this teacher _____ about Jesus?

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

(vv. 2-3)

3. Where is there _____ of the Spirit of truth?

They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error. (vv. 5-6)

THE _____

Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. (v. 4)

• **Rely on the Holy Spirit...**

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you. (2 Timothy 1:14)

- **Rely on the Holy Spirit as you _____ scripture.**
But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (John 14:26)

- **Rely on the Holy Spirit to guard the _____.**
But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory... “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” – these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. (1 Corinthians 2:7-10)

Legend

THE DANGER

False teaching is dangerous.

False teaching is common.

False teaching is (often) an inside job.

THE DIRECTIVE

Test the spirits means we are to practice discernment.

How does this teaching align with the Word of God?

What does this teacher confess about Jesus?

Where is the evidence of the Spirit of truth?

THE DEPOSIT

Rely on the Holy Spirit as you study scripture.

Rely on the Holy Spirit to guard the gospel.

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