

IS YOUR FAITH AUTHENTIC?

(Are you being fruitful?) A test, based on 1 John, that reveals whether you are a true follower of Christ.

1. You long for and enjoy intimacy with Christ and the Father **(1 John 1:3)**.
2. You love the Church and actually want to be around God's people sharing life in Christ with them **(1 John 4:12)**.
3. You live a confessional and repentant life before God so that your "account is always current" **(1 John 1:8-10)**.
4. Your heart is obedient and receptive to God's word **(1 John 2:3)**
5. You intentionally pursue godliness whether you're alone in private or with people who could care less about God **(1 John 2:5-6)**.
6. You can identify a decreasing pattern of sin in your life **(1 John 3:6)**.... To be clear, this isn't a reference to a complete absence of sin in your life, rather, it's speaking of NOT continuing in sin AS A WAY of life.

So... the all-important question: If you were to test the soil of your heart, **what would it reveal?** What kind of heart do you have?

This is vitally important. **2 Corinthians 13:5a** "Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves."