

Sermon Passage: _____

Date: _____

Sermon Preacher: _____

Elder Scripture Reading: _____

Sermon Title: _____

I. Introduction

A. Context – Write 3 main ideas that provide background for the sermon text. *(Hint ~ What warnings and encouragements has John given in this letter? In what ways are we to test ourselves to see if we are in the faith? In addition to testing ourselves, what else should we test?)*

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

B. Thesis or Proposition – What is the pastor trying to prove?

C. Enumeration – How many points (or proofs) will be provided?

D. Exposition – What are the main points (or proofs)?

1. Discern the

2. Discern the

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List any additional passages pastor may mention:



II. Main Points (or proofs)

A. Point 1: Discern the

What does it mean to be discerning?

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 1?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn about the dangers believers face.)

a. A _____ danger

b. A _____ danger

c. A _____ danger

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ What is the ongoing and ever-present danger believers face? Where do all lies, false teachings, and false prophets originate?)*

Point 1 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:

B. Point 2: Discern the

What does John mean when he says, “By **this** you know...”?

1. Sub-points – What evidence is provided that supports point 2?
(Hint ~ Fill in the blanks and make note of what you learn about distinctions between divine truth and demonic error.)

a. The distinction of _____

b. The distinction of _____

c. The distinction of _____

2. Application – What do I do with this information? *(Hint ~ How can you know if someone is “of God”? To whom should you listen?)*

Point 2 Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention:



III. Conclusion

- A. Are you listening to the voice of Christ through the Scriptures?
- B. Have you turned to Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins?
- C. Are you only **hearing** the Word and so deceiving yourself or are hearing **and doing** what it says?



Scripture for Further Study

Suggestion: Read and meditate on some of the following passages each day of the coming week.

Consider the following biblical descriptions of false teachers:

1. Scripture Twisters (2 Pet 3:16 cf. Acts 13:10; 20:30)
2. Servants of Satan (2 Cor 11:12-15)
3. Blots and Blemishes (2 Pet 2:13)
4. Accursed Children (2 Pet 2:14)
5. Slaves of Corruption (2 Pet 2:19)
6. Fierce Wolves who spare not the flock (Acts 20:29)
7. Deceitful Workman (2 Cor 11:13)
8. Deceivers (Titus 1:11; 2 Jn 7)
9. Unreasoning Animals (Jude 10; 2 Pet 2:12)
10. Hidden Reefs (Jude 12)
11. Waterless Clouds (2 Pet 2:17; Jude 12)
12. Loudmouth Boasters (Jude 16)
13. Smooth Talkers (Rom 16:18-17)
14. Blasphemers (2 Pet 2:10-12)
15. Blind Guides & Blind Fools (Mt 23:16-17, 24, 26)

Conclusion Scripture References

List any additional passages pastor may mention: