

ABIDE

First Epistle of John

WEEK ELEVEN

"TEST THE SPIRITS"

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:1-6.
2. What does John say we should not do in verse one? Instead, what should we do and why?
3. How, according to verses three and four, can we test the spirits to see which ones are from God and which ones are not?
4. If a spirit does not confess Christ, whose spirit does the Bible say it has?
5. How is it that we are able to overcome the world?
6. What evidence do you personally see of false prophets in the world today?
7. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Scripture Memory:

"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."

~ 1 John 4:1

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:1-6.
2. John warns us that many false prophets are actively peddling heresy all around us. It is important that we are able to discern who is of God and who is teaching a message of their own design. What does 2 Corinthians 11:14-15 say a false prophet does, and how can this make them difficult to detect?
3. While a false teacher may sound like a genuine teacher, the Bible says we can identify them by examining the content of his or her message. What things characterize the message of a false prophet in Jeremiah 14:14, Jeremiah 23:16, and 2 Peter 2:1?
4. We can also identify a false teacher by examining his or her character. How does Jeremiah 23:11 & 14 and 2 Peter 2:12-14 & 18-19 describe the character of a false teacher?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:1-6.
 2. What do Acts 20:29 and Matthew 7:15 call false teachers? What would be the impact of having such an animal among a flock of sheep?
 3. Read Jeremiah 23:1, Matthew 24:11, Acts 20:30, and 2 Peter 2:2. What effect do false teachers have on those who listen to their message?
 4. Why, according to 2 Timothy 4:3-4, do false teachers succeed? What does this verse tell us about our role in aiding their success?
 5. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:1-6.
2. God does not take the twisting or adulterating of His word lightly. In Deuteronomy 18:20 what was the punishment for a prophet that was discovered to be false?
3. What judgments of God are leveled against false prophets in Jeremiah 14:15, Ezekiel 13:8-9, Matthew 7:21-23, 2 Peter 2:17 and Revelation 2:20-23 ?
4. In Revelation 2:18-29, the angel of the Lord is speaking to the church in Thyatira. What good things have they done in verse nineteen? What does the Lord have against them in verse twenty?
5. God not only considers false teachers accountable for their sinful doctrine, but He also holds accountable those who tolerate and listen to their falsehoods. In Jeremiah 14:10-16 what is the consequence to the people of Israel who embraced the false prophets?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer and read 1 John 4:1-6.
 2. If God takes false doctrine so seriously, we would do well to do the same. What is one way you can discern if a prophet is false, according to Deuteronomy 18:20-22?
 3. What are we instructed to do in Jeremiah 23:16 and Ezekiel 13:17 with regard to false prophets?
 4. In 1 Timothy 1:3-5 and 2 Timothy 4:1-4 Paul is acknowledging false teachers will come and many will embrace false doctrine. What does he charge Timothy to do, and how would doing so keep you from being deceived, as well as fight against false doctrine others may hear?
 5. What does Jesus command us in Mark 13:5? Based on what Jesus said, who is ultimately responsible for us being misled? How would obeying 2 Timothy 2:14-15 help ensure we are not deceived?
 7. Write out this week's memory verse below:
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