

The book of 1 John is written by John in order to combat false doctrines that were already influencing the early church. In our text today we learn that the Christians walk must match their talk. We must strive to live what we say we believe. But that can be hard, can't it? Let's see three struggles every Christian has in striving to make their life line up with their faith:

I. Living in the \_\_\_\_\_ (v.16)

Our lives are going to be ones where we continuously seek to understand how the gospel \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ our lives.

II. Closing our \_\_\_\_\_ to the needs of others (v.17)

Why are we sometimes hesitant to be generous when a fellow believer is in need?

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. Financial \_\_\_\_\_

D. Lack of Community / Being \_\_\_\_\_

E. No true belief in the \_\_\_\_\_

III. Being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (v.18)

Test your faith to see how authentic it is!