

## THE TRUTH ABOUT DISCERNMENT

### 1 John 4:1-6

#### **1. Don't follow every leading**

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

#### **2. Don't trust every teacher**

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

#### **3. Don't believe every word**

*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. (2-3)*

#### **4. Don't fear every problem**

*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. (4)*

#### **5. Don't sweat every rejection**

*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. (5-6)*