

I Kings 22:19-23

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.” Matthew 7:15

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against spiritual forces of evil.” Ephesians 6:12

“The Spirit clearly says that in the later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron.” 1 Timothy 4:1-2

“Test everything. Hold on to the good.” 1 Thessalonians 5:21

“Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” Acts 17:11

2. We test the spirits because many _____ prophets are in the world! 4:1b

“For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.” Matthew 24:24

Acts 20:28-31a

2 Peter 2:1-3, 17-19

**3. We test the spirits because God has told us _____!
4:2-6**

(1) The _____ test: Does the teacher acknowledge that Jesus is _____ in _____ flesh?

**(2) The _____ test: Does the teacher have the _____ listening to and agree with them?
4-5**

“Woe to you when all men speak well of you, for that is how their fathers treated the false prophets.” Luke 6:4

“He leads the whole world astray.” Revelation 12:9

2 Timothy 4:2-4

(3) The _____ test: Does the teacher reject _____ teaching and teachers? 6

Revelation 22:18-19

Discussion: Which of the three tests do you find most _____ for discerning if a teacher is of God or not?

1 Corinthians 2:12, 14

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless of course, you fail the test.” 2 Corinthians 13:5

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13



Vital Sign #10 • The Indicator of Testing The Spirits
1 John 4:1-6

Discussion: When you hear the phrase, “Testing The Spirits,” what’s the _____ thing that comes to mind?

“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” 1 John 5:13

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.” John 16:13

Definition: Testing the Spirits is the spiritual act of _____ if a teacher or a teaching is from _____ or not.

Three Reasons Why Christians Test The Spirits:

1. We test the spirits because we are warned that not every spirit or teaching is of _____. 4:1a