



# That You May Know...

## A Study in First John

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All scriptures are printed verbatim with translations noted.

### Part 13: Know Discernment

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

#### REVIEW

***By Loving Others We are Assured...***

Of Truth

Of Forgiveness

Of Prayer

Of Relationship

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## To Discern Correctly Realize...

### 1. IT IS A SPIRITUAL WORLD

1 John 4:1 (ESV)-Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

*An unseen spiritual realm is constantly at work shaping our everyday.*

### 2. THERE ARE DECEIVING VOICES

1 John 4:1,3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.... This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

*Spiritual activity is not necessarily Godly activity.*

### 3. A NEED FOR TESTING

1 John 4:1-3,5 (ESV)-Beloved...test the spirits to see whether they are from God...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.They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them.

*Realize there is always truth mixed in with deception.*

*The three tests of a false message: Humanity, Deity, and Audience.*

### 4. THERE IS VICTORY

1 John 4:4,6 (ESV)-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. 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

*Every Christian has the power to test the spirits.*

**Here Is The Point:** We must test the spirits knowing that truth will win out.