

1st John
Final Thoughts

John's final words and thoughts as he sums up his Handy
Dandy Spiritual Lie Detector Booklet.

A LOOK BACK: John's 10 Clarifying Questions

1) Basic Morality: Am I walking in the _____ I have?
1 John 1:6-7

2) Humility: Will I admit that I'm a _____?
1 John 1:8-10

3) Obedience: Am I obeying His _____?
1 John 2:3-5

4) Love: Am I forgiving those who _____?
1 John 2:9-11

5) Priorities: Am I primarily pursuing _____ or
_____ rewards? 1 John 2:15-17

6) Perseverance: Do I stick it out or _____?
1 John 2:19

7) Jesus: Is He _____ Messiah or _____ messiah?
1 John 2:22-23

8) Sin: Am I making progress or _____?
1 John 3:6-10

9) Response: Do I respond to the Bible as God's Word or
_____? 1 John 4:6

10) Holy Spirit: Am I being changed from the _____?
1 John 4:13

THE PASSAGE: John's Final Thoughts & Parting Shots

How To Pray With Confidence: (1 John 5:13-15)
John 16:23 Matthew 6:9-13 Psalm 37:4 Matthew 26:39

Ask in line with _____.

When Not To Pray: (1 John 5:16-17)
Balaam's BIG mistake: Numbers 22:1-24:25 Joshua 13:22
& Revelation 2:14
Gideon's dumb fleece: Judges 6:11 – 8:27

If God's already _____ – don't _____!

Three Things We Need To Know: (1 John 5:18-21)
1 John 3:1-2 & Romans 8:17 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 &
Matthew 4:8-10 Revelation 5:1–6:1

If we're _____ of Jesus – we're also full-

_____ children of God. The world is currently

under the _____.

In the _____ – we _____!

We have looked at John's 10 clarifying questions on diagnosing our spiritual health in our study of 1 John. Looking back at this week's review of the 10 questions, which one or two is most important for you to remember and why?

What is one specific answered prayer, encouragement or challenge you're particularly thankful for as a result of your Home Fellowship experience over this series?

This week we saw that if God has already clearly spoken, we aren't to ask again! What other guidelines do you find about prayer in the following verses that would help you in your prayer life?

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 *Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. [2] Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few.*

Luke 18:1-7 *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. [2] He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared about men. [3] And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' [4] "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care about men, [5] yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually wear*

me out with her coming!' " [6] And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. [7] And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?"

Matthew 6:7 *And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words*

1 Timothy 5:5 *The widow who is really in need and left all alone puts her hope in God and continues night and day to pray and to ask God for help*

Philippians 4:6 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God*

Romans 8:26-27 *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. [27] And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.*

When you think about your own prayer life, which one catches your attention the most and why?