

1st John
Testing The Spirits:

Just because it's spiritual doesn't mean it's from God
1 John 3:24 – 1 John 4:6

THE PASSAGE:

The Incredible Gift (1 John 3:24)

Mark 1:9-14 3:22-29 & John 16:6-14 Romans 8:9

*Genuine Christians have the same _____ that
_____ Jesus!*

The Truth About Spiritual Truth: (1 John 4:1-5)

Exodus 7:22 2 Thessalonians 2:9 & Revelation 13:11-14
2 Corinthians 11:14-15

Everything _____ isn't from _____.

Satan's best two decoys are _____ and _____.

One More Way To Tell The Bogus From The Real

(1 John 4:6) 1 Thessalonians 4:8

*The Response question: Do I treat the Bible as _____
or just _____?*

**THE BIG QUESTION: Was that GOD, a FRAUD or just
LAST NIGHT'S PIZZA?**

1) Always start with _____.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 Psalm 119:105 Romans 12:2
Proverbs 4:18-19

Key Question: _____?

Good News: _____!

2) Listen for _____ John
14:25-26 16:13 1 Corinthians 2:11-16 Acts 16:6-10

Beware: _____.

Never Forget: _____!

3) Pay attention to _____.
Acts 17:11 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 Numbers 22:21-35
Deuteronomy 13:1-5 & 18:21-22

Be Cautious: _____.

Stay Open: _____.

Remember: _____.

1. Who do you tend to go to when you need advice? What is it about that person that draws you to them in those situations?

2. Can you describe a time when you thought God was speaking to you or when you felt an “inner prompting of the Holy Spirit”?

Can you think of any Scriptures that would help you know if this experience was from God or not?

3. Read the following passages and identify some of the resources that the Spirit offers.

John 14:25-27

Acts 1:8

Romans 8:12-17

Ephesians 3:16-21

Where would you most like to experience the Spirit’s power?

4. Larry made it clear that the Bible is an essential tool for determining what’s from God and what’s not. He also pointed out that how we view and respond to God’s Word is one of the tests of whether or not we really know God. What do the following verses tell us about either the blessings or warnings that come with how we treat God’s Word?

Joshua 1:8-9

Psalms 119:9-11

James 1:22-25

1 Samuel 12:14-15

5. You have a friend who has been sharing private information with others that may have hurt the reputation of another friend. You sense that God is telling you to confront this friend but you’re not sure. How can the following verses help you confirm if this is God speaking to you or not?

Galatians 6:1-4

Matthew 7:3-5

How do those two verses along with **Proverbs 15:22** influence the actions you may take?

6. Is there one of the three actions that you need to pay more attention to than the others?

Is there a specific part of the Bible or biblical topic that you would like to become more familiar with?

Is there any “static” you need to get rid of so that you can hear the Holy Spirit better?

Is there any area you need to consult or seek wise counsel about?

7. Is there something that God is speaking to you about right now that you need to put to the test?