

Where Is It Written?

1 John 4:1-6 ESV

1. WATCH OUT FOR

1 John 4:1 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.

When in doubt ask, "Where is it written?"

Acts 17:11b ...they (the believers from Berea) received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

2. LITMUS TEST:

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1 John 4:2-3 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.

3. _____: THE LORD IS WITH YOU.

1 John 4:4 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.

With the Lord on your side, be strong!

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

4. WHOSE VOICE ARE YOU LISTENING TO?

1 John 4:5-6 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.