

Questions Through 1 John

Lesson 7: What are Signs of Genuine Faith?

Selected Verses



- * There is a series of tests in 1 John that we can use to examine ourselves and our faith. As we look at them, remember that no one will perfectly fulfill all of them all the time, but they should reveal a consistent trend that characterizes our lives as we grow in grace.
 1. Do you enjoy having _____ with Christ and His redeemed people? (1 John 1:3)
 2. Would people say you _____ in the light, or walk in the darkness? (1 John 1:6-7)
 3. Do you admit and _____ your sin? (1 John 1:8)
 4. Are you _____ to God's Word? (1 John 2:3-5)
 5. Does your life indicate you _____ God rather than the world? (1 John 2:15)
 6. Is your life _____ by "doing what is right"? (1 John 2:29)
 7. Do you seek to maintain a _____ life? (1 John 3:3)
 8. Do you see a _____ pattern of sin in your life? (1 John 3:5-6)
 9. Do you _____ love for other Christians? (1 John 3:14)
 10. Do you "_____ the walk," versus just "_____ the talk"? (1 John 3:18-19)
 11. Do you maintain a clear _____? (1 John 3:21)
 12. Do you experience _____ in your Christian walk? (1 John 5:4)
- * Jesus said that it is by our _____ that we are known as His disciples (Matt. 7:20). Fruitless branches—professing believers who do not display the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) are cut off and thrown into the fire (John 15:6).
- * A genuine faith is one that not only believes in God (the demons themselves do that - James 2:19) but leads to open _____ of sin and _____ to Christ's commands.
- * In addition to these confirmations, we need to remember God's _____ and the reality of the war we are in.
- * When we are in Christ, we have the _____ that we are kept by Him. Jesus Himself prayed for us in John 17:11 that the Father would "protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they may be one as we are one." Again in verse 15, He prayed, "keep them from the evil one."
- * If you _____ and _____ the voice of Jesus, then you are one of His sheep, and He will never let you go. Jesus gave a wonderful word picture here of Christians securely held within His loving hands and the Father's almighty hands wrapping themselves around His, giving us a double assurance of eternal security.