



- Christ followers seek _____, not trends.

When you walk through the shadows . . .

1. Realize that Christians aren't just spiritual, they're _____.

The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us. I John 3:24

2. Test every spirit against _____.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. I John 4:1

- The defining question: "Who is _____?"

²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in

the flesh is from God, ³ but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. I John 4:2-3

3. Know that victory will come through your _____ and your _____ in Christ.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. I John 4:4

- The faithful overcome _____, division and _____. I John 4:18; 21; 2:20

⁵ They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

⁶ We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. I John 4:5-6

Next Steps:

- ☐ Memorize I John 4:4.
- ☐ Evaluate the messages you receive through movies, books, magazines and music. How many deny Jesus or are "anti-Jesus"?
- ☐ Are you "spiritual" or filled with the Holy Spirit? Are you an overcomer or are you overcome by evil?
- ☐ Check the connect card if you would like information about our next Baptism Celebration on October 27.