

Developing Discernment

1 John 4:1-6

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Be careful to discern the nature of what you hear. 4:1-3

"do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits"

How do we know if something is from God? v. 2-3

"by this you know the Spirit of God ..."

The critical issue is ...

The heresy was ...

***How do we see this today?**

Depend upon God's strength to live the truth. 4:4

"he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world"

Be careful to listen to God. 4:5-6

"whoever knows God listen to us"

There is a voice from the world. v. 5

"therefore they speak from the world"

**It is characterized by a consistency with the enemy...*

There is a voice from God. v. 6

"we are from God"

**It is characterized by a consistency with God's word.*

APPLICATION ... to what are you listening?

Quote: "The heart of man is like a musical instrument and may be played upon the Holy Spirit, by an evil spirit or by the spirit of man himself. Religious emotions are very much the same, no matter who the player may be. Many enjoyable feelings may be aroused within the soul by low or even idolatrous worship." A.W. Tozer