

Being Sure it is From God

The two things that cause people to be confused if it is God or not is Ignorance and Desire.

We must TEST EVERYTHING!!! - 1 Thess 5:21-22 - 21 **TEST EVERYTHING**. Hold on to the good. 22 Avoid every kind of evil.

False messages will at times use scripture - Matt 4:5-7 - 5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. 6 "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. **For it is written:** "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus answered him, "**IT IS ALSO WRITTEN:** 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

This is why we just don't go by a scripture but by Sound Doctrine - Titus 2:1 - You **MUST TEACH** what is in accord with sound doctrine.

God protects us by commanding us not to trust, but to test every Spirit - 1 John 4:1-3 - 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. 2 **This 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.

The biggest evidence of false teachings and teachers will be the denying of Christ (the Word) and us staying in the Word (Christ) protects us - 1 John 2:18-27 - 18 Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. 19 **They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us**. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. 21 I do not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you do know it and because no lie comes from the truth. 22 **Who is the liar?** It is **THE MAN WHO DENIES THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST**. Such a man is the antichrist — he denies the Father and the Son. 23 No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also. 24 **SEE THAT WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD FROM THE BEGINNING REMAINS IN YOU**. If it does, you also will remain in the Son and in the Father. 25 And this is what he promised us — even eternal life. 26 I am writing these things to you about those who are trying to lead you astray. 27 As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit — just as it has taught you, REMAIN IN HIM.

The false teaching and teacher will also ADD to God's teaching - 2 John 7-11 - 7 Many deceivers, who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh, have gone out into the world. Any such person is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Watch out that you do not lose what you have worked for, but that you may be rewarded fully. 9 **ANYONE WHO RUNS AHEAD AND DOES NOT CONTINUE IN THE TEACHING OF CHRIST DOES NOT HAVE GOD**; whoever continues IN THE TEACHING has both the Father and the Son. 10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not take him into your house or welcome him. 11 Anyone who welcomes him shares in his wicked work.

God commands us to stay in the protective boundaries of the WORD - 1 Cor 4:6 Now, brothers, I have applied these things to myself and Apollos for your benefit, so that you may learn from us the meaning of the saying, "**DO NOT GO BEYOND WHAT IS WRITTEN**." Then you will not take pride in one man over against another.

Recognize the characteristics of False teachings and teachers

False teachers have and still are adding dangerous philosophies and denying Christ - 2 Peter 2:1-2 - But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them — bringing swift destruction on themselves.

Evidence of them is rejecting real authority and ignorantly talking bad about spiritual forces - Jude 8- In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings.

Walking in ignorance for other matters is another evidence - Jude 10 Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they DO NOT UNDERSTAND; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals — these are the very things that destroy them.

It is necessary to have a strong relationship with Christ (The Word) so we are not misled - Col 2:2-4 - 2 My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the **full riches of complete understanding**, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, 3 in whom are hidden **all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge**. 4 **I TELL YOU THIS SO THAT NO ONE MAY DECEIVE YOU BY FINE-SOUNDING ARGUMENTS**.

It is our responsibility not to be misled - Col 2:8 **SEE TO IT** that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world **RATHER THAN ON CHRIST**.