

“Operation Discernment”

John called for what Jesus called for—a vigilant church that practices biblical discernment. We are to know the truth and declare it. And we are to know the deceivers and expose them.

I. WE ARE COMMANDED TO APPLY A TEST. (v. 1)

- A. We must not _____ for _____. (v. 1a)
- B. We must be _____ to _____. (v. 1b)
1. The great _____. *“many false prophets have gone out”*
 2. The grand _____. *“test the spirits to see whether...”*

II. WE ARE INSTRUCTED HOW TO CONDUCT THE TEST. (vv. 2-6)

- A. A _____ the proper c_____.
- B. I _____ the unorthodox _____. (v. 3a)
- C. A _____ the Satanic c_____. (v. 3b)
- D. E _____ the resulting t_____. (vv. 4-6)

Salvation makes us overcomers—overcomers who actively discern error and proclaim truth.