

“Life together: Listening to the Spirit of Truth” – I John 2:15-29

	low									high
1) How significant/valuable am I? - I would be more significant/valuable if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2) How fulfilled am I? - I would be more fulfilled if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3) How secure am I? - I would be more secure if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4) How much like Jesus am I? - I would be more like Jesus if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5) How close to God am I? - I would be closer to God if	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD – I Jo 2:15-17; 5:19

- There is a world of forever “wanting” – I Jo 2:16 (this “world” is passing away – I Jo 2:17)
  - ...“the lust of the flesh”: self-determination = wanting my own – I Jo 2:16
  - ...“the lust of the eyes”: self-acquisition = wanting what I see – I Jo 2:16
  - ...“the boastful pride of life: self-exaltation = wanting to appear important – I Jo 2:16
 (To pursue these is to build our house of life on sinking sand – Matt 7:26-27)
- There is a world of forever having – I Jo 2:17,25 (this “world” remains forever – I Jo 2:17)
  - ...wherein God Himself is our Source, Substance, Supply – II Pet 1:3,4; Col 2:9-10; Phil 4:19
  - ...wherein we live by God-determination, God-receptivity, God-exaltation – Jo 14:6; Ro 11:36
 (To pursue Him is to build our house of life on solid rock – Matt 7:24-25)
- Which will I “agape” ...give the love of utmost loyalty, absolute surrender? – I Jo 2:15,17
  - ...it will be one or the other – I Jo 2:15

WATCH OUT FOR ANTI-CHRISTS – I Jo 2:18-24; 4:3; II Jo 7

- Spirits/false teachers hostile to Christ offering counterfeits to prevent us from knowing the reality of eternal life in Christ – I Jo 5:11-13
  - ...at work in the visible church; religious by nature – I Jo 2:18,19
  - ...offering multiple variations on one basic theme: “Jesus Christ (alone) is not enough!” – I Jo 2:22,26
- They seek to countermand the Truth of the Gospel – Ga 1:6; 2:5,14

TRUTH

COUNTERFEIT

Subject:	God the Father, Son, Spirit (His Supply)	Me/You (man and his needs)
Means:	Grace (by grace through faith/trusting)	Self-effort (works/knowledge/trying)
Result:	Liberty (freedom to express Christ)	Captivity (heaviness, fatigue, boredom)

- All true Christian teaching is an exponent of the Truth of the Gospel – I Jo 2:24

LISTEN TO THE INDWELLING SPIRIT OF CHRIST – I Jo 2:20-29

- The Promised One always takes you to the Promise Keeper – I Jo 2:25; Jo 14:26; 15:26; 16:14
  - ...the Justifier, Sanctifier, Glorifier lives in us – I Jo 2:20,27; Ro 8:29-30; I Cor 1:2; 6:11
- The burden of proof is on the hearer – I Jo 3:7; Matt 24:4-5
- Abide (be at home) in the Spirit of Truth – I Jo 2:27
  - ...He is the “antidote” to false teaching in the material and the religious worlds – I Jo 4:4
  - ...He will tell us how to invest our lives in what is profitable and eternal – Matt 6:33; I Jo 2:17; Lk 18:29-30
  - ...He will guide us into living out of His righteousness in us – I Jo 2:29

(With the “witnesses” of significance, fulfillment, security, Christ-likeness, and intimacy with God!)