

**Wheelersburg Baptist Church 06/22/25**

**Sermon Series: Flourishing Fellowship with God: A Study in 1 John**

**Sermon Title:** Flourishing Fellowship Tests the Spirits by Consistent Christian Confession and Conduct.

**Scripture:** 1 John 4:1–6 (cf. 3:1–24; 4:7–21)

**Biblical idea:** John exhorted believers to \_\_\_\_\_ the spirits based upon true Christian confession and conduct.

Outline of the Text:

- Christian \_\_\_\_\_ harmonizes with truth (3:1–24).
- Christian \_\_\_\_\_ about Christ distinguishes between spirits (4:1–6).
- Christian \_\_\_\_\_ matures in Christ-like love (4:7–21).

Theological Tension: Discernment of spirits is a preventative spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ given to the church to protect it from deception.

Theological Truth: The Holy Spirit's presence is always \_\_\_\_\_.

Theological Purpose: To demonstrate how Christian confession and conduct bring \_\_\_\_\_ to discerning spirits.

Make It Personal: Test the \_\_\_\_\_ by consistent Christian confession and conduct.

- Test the spirits that hold \_\_\_\_\_ over you.
  - In \_\_\_\_\_
  - In \_\_\_\_\_
  - In \_\_\_\_\_
- Test the spirits in \_\_\_\_\_ ways: "The Gold Method"

- The test of \_\_\_\_\_: Is it markable?
- The test of \_\_\_\_\_: Is it identifiable?
- The test of \_\_\_\_\_ Is it heavy?
- The test of the \_\_\_\_\_ eye: What do the experts say?