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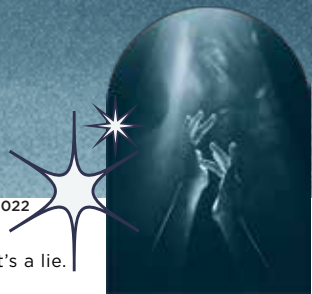
It Ain't About Me
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Title: It Ain't About Me

Text: 1 John 3:19-4:18

Target: Stop telling people and yourself you don't have what it takes because that's a lie.



I. _____ that's _____: "By this we shall know that we are of the truth and **reassure our heart** before him;" (Vs. 19)

A. Conviction of the Spirit: "for whenever our heart condemns us, **God is greater** than our heart, and he knows everything." (Vs. 20)

B. Clarity of the Spirit: "Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, **we have confidence** before God." (Vs. 21)

C. Confirmation of the Spirit: "and whatever we ask **we receive** from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him." (Vs. 22)

D. Comfort of the Spirit: "Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that **he abides in us**, by the Spirit whom he has given us." (Vs. 24)

II. _____ that's _____: "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God," (Vs. 4:1a)

A. Be Careful, Not Cynical:

1. Reject False Teachers: "for many false prophets have gone out into the world." (Vs.4:1b)

2. Recognize False Doctrine: "and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God." (Vs. 4:3)

B. Be Informed, Not Ignorant: "Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." (Vs. 4:4)

1. Affirmed by the World: They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and **the world listens to them.**" (Vs. 4:5)

2. Accepted by God: We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the **Spirit of truth** and the **spirit of error.**" (Vs.4:6)

III. _____ that's _____: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might **live through him.**" (Vs. 4:9)

A. Know God:: "whoever loves has been born of God and **knows God.**" (Vs. 4:7)

1. His love for you: "In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the **propitiation** for our sins." (Vs. 4:10)

2. His loyalty to you: "No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is **perfected** in us." (Vs. 4:12)

B. Make God Known: "And we have seen and **testify** that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world." (Vs. 4:14)

1. Have Full Faith: "By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have **confidence for the day of judgment**, because as he is so also are we in this world." (Vs. 4:17)

2. Have No Fear: "There is **no fear** in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love." (Vs. 4:18)



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Takeaway: What's on the inside has to get on the outside.

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...THAT YOU MAY KNOW YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE
1 JOHN 5:11



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