

Be Sure to Test for Truth

1 John 4.1-6

Three tests of true partnership 1.3

moral – our obedience to Christ's
commands 1.6; 3.6

social – our love for Christ's
people 2.9-10; 3.14

doctrinal – our commitment to the
truth about Christ 2.23

1. Don't Be Gullible, v1

... about everything 'spiritual'

**beware of what panders to basic
instincts 2.15-18; Mk 8.34**

beware of 'alternatives'

**beware of inflated claims
to truth, authority, guidance**

2. Check Things Out, v1

➤ **there will always be false prophets**

be aware of their motives:

self-deluded Jer 23.16-18

deliberately deceitful 2 Pet 2.1-3

be aware of their tactics:

false promises Acts 14.22

false signs Mark 13.22

➤ ***test all teaching 1 Thess 5.21-22***

3. Grasp the Key Issue, vs2-3

our allegiance to Jesus as God's King

fully divine, supreme authority

Mat 28.18; 1 Cor 12.3

4. The Battle on our hands, vs4-6

➤ ***the confidence we have v4***

God's Spirit is a winner!

➤ ***don't be fooled by ratings v5***

the world listens to its own

➤ ***true believers go for the truth v6***

we listen to Jesus through his Word

John 10.27; 18.37; 8.47