

Champions of the Truth

1John 3.24-4.16

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Introduction

- there will always be opposition, so how can we deal with it effectively?

Main Points: we can be champions of the truth by...

1. testing the spirits – vs. 4.1-6

- who or what are the spirits?

- why is the doctrine of the incarnation so important?

- what does it mean that we have overcome these spirits?

- to whom do you ascribe authority?

- 1Corinthians 12.3
- John 15.26

- read your bible regularly, go to bible studies, memorize Scripture, and pray for wisdom

2. looking for proof – vs. 7-12

- that we love one another
 - how does God demonstrate His love for us?

- how can people see God in us?
- if the secret police arrested you for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence in your life to convict you?

- “The most loving thing we can do for others is love God more than we love them. For if we love God most, we will love others best.”¹

- love is a choice, love is an attitude – cultivate a spirit of love in your life

3. clinging to assurances

- a. the Scriptures assure us that...

- i. _____

- ii. _____

- iii. _____

- b. Acts 5:32

- c. when you feel overwhelmed with mis-information go back to what you know – the Holy Spirit resides within you, you know why the Father sent the Son, you know that God loves you – look to the cross...

Conclusion

- we live in a day and age where truth is at a premium
- We can be champions of the truth by
 - testing the _____
 - looking for _____, and
 - clinging to _____
- we are the truth tellers, the gate keepers of orthodoxy, the purveyors of authentic hope and love; we are champions of the truth.

Amen.

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<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/if-we-love-god-most-we-will-love-others-best>