

**“The Considerately Close-Minded Christian”**

**-1 John 4:1-3-**

**Introduction:**

- What does “open-minded” mean? Is it a good virtue to be “open-minded?” Why?

**In 1 John 4:1-3, we have three steps for good judgment so we are not led astray.**

**1) \_\_\_\_\_ Your Mind (v. 1a):**

- We must accept only what is \_\_\_\_\_.
- We must reject all that is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes:**

**2) \_\_\_\_\_ The Messenger (v. 1b):**

- Some teachers are from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Many teachers are \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes:**

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Their Message (vv. 2-3):

- Positive Test: It matches what Scripture says.
  - Answer: This is truth from \_\_\_\_\_.
- Negative Test: It doesn't match what Scripture says.
  - Answer: This is error from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Notes:**

**Conclusion:**

- Where do **you** turn for truth?
- How do **you** determine the truth of something?
- Do **you** know Scripture enough to tell what is false?
- Does it matter if **you** believe what is true or not?
- Why does it matter if we **know** the truth about **God's holiness**?
- Why does it matter if we **know** the truth about **our sin**?
- Why does it matter if we **know** the truth about **Jesus Christ**?
- Why does it matter if we **believe** the truth about **Jesus Christ**?

*"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."*

-- 1 John 5:13