

Intro. – In Matthew 7:22-23 Jesus rebukes those He claims to be false disciples.

I. Marks of a Genuine Disciple

A. A genuine disciple

John repeats this idea throughout his 3 epistles.

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| i.e.: I John 1:6-7 | I John 3:9-10 |
| I John 2:3-6 | II John 6 |
| I John 2:15 | III John |

- It doesn't matter how much Bible you know
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B. A Genuine disciple

- These letters were written because of false doctrine infiltrating the church.
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- The “modern” approach to church growth is
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- The “genuineness” of our Christianity is not determined in this way (II John 8-9).
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The bottom line is that we are to _____ the words of Jesus, not just believe them (Mt. 28-19-20).

- C. A genuine disciple _____
i.e.: John 13:35 _____
I John 2:9-10 _____
II John 5 _____
III John 5-6 _____

- Righteous living and sound doctrine are both legitimate expressions of love for God.

II. Summary/Exhortation

- There'll be no doubt in God's mind as to who the genuine Christians will be.

- John tells us that if:

You _____ right.

You _____ right.

You _____ right.

– You are a genuine disciple

- Let's examine ourselves in the light of John's teaching:

1. Examine your _____.

2. Examine your _____.

3. Examine your _____.

- **Are there any changes that need to be made?**