IT'S REAL--9

"It's REAL Because it Demands SCRUTINIZING The Truth"

1 John 4:1-7

Introduction._____
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I. FIRST, THERE IS THE _____ TO SCRUTINIZE THE SPIRITS (1 John 4:1).

A. First, notice how the command is to be a _____ one (4:1b) ***". . . try the spirits . . ."***

B. Secondly, note how this command is to be a _____ one (4:1b) ***". . . try . . ."***

C. Thirdly, consider how this command is to be a _____ one (4:1c) ***". . . because many false prophets are gone out into the world."***

II. SECONDLY, THERE IS A _____ FOR SCRUTINIZING THE SPIRITS (1 John 4:2-3).

A. First, notice this criterion is concerned with _____ (4:2a). ***"Hereby, know ye the Spirit of God . . ."***

B. Secondly, note this criterion is concerned with _____ (4:2b).

1. First, note the _____ of this admission (4:2b-3a).d
2. Secondly, consider the _____ of the admission (4:3b).

III. THIRDLY, THERE IS A _____ FOR SCRUTINIZING THE SPIRITS (1 John 4:4-6).

A. First, there is the _____ of the children of God (4:4).

B. Secondly, there is the _____ of the children of God (4:5-6).

1. First, notice the _____ of false prophets (4:5).
2. Secondly, note the _____ of Christian teachers (4:6).

CONCLUSION: Note some admonitions relating to scrutinizing the truth and error:

1. **First, we must _____ the _____ of spiritual deception isn't something that is new in our time.**
2. **Secondly, we must _____ the _____ that the Bible is the final authority and all we need.**
3. **Thirdly, we must _____ that the _____ and work of Jesus are eternally divine**
    1. **Listen _____ to the one who is preaching or teaching.**
    2. **Look _____ at those who are following them.**