## **Seven Ways to Test an Impression**

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Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out in the world. — 1 John 4:1

## C-H-E-C- K I-T!

- 1. Check to see if it inspires you to be more like Christ (Phil. 2:5; James 3:15-17).
- 2. Hold it up to the light of God's written Word, the Bible (Luke 24:8; John 2:22).
- 3. Evaluate yourself for judgmental and improper motives (Rom. 14:1-5; John 21:20-23).

## **Three Precautions**

- a. God will confirm what He has already said.
- b. Pray for the person before you speak to them.
- c. Search your motives.
- 4. Confirm your impression with your church's teachings (Eph. 3:10; Phil. 11:9).
- 5. Keep in mind the way God wired you (Eph. 2:10; Rom. 12:6).

- 6. Inquire whether your impression is condemning or convicting (1 John 1:9; Rev. 12:10).
- 7. Test whether it produces peace or confusion in your heart and mind (1 Cor. 14:33; Col. 3:1).



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