

The Apostle John's 12-Point Test to being a Christian

Ref: 1 John (NASB)

Assurance	1 John 5:13	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.	...That you might know you are saved...
Relationship	1 John 2:23	Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father; the one who confesses the Son has the Father also.	Do you believe Jesus to be the son of God? Mt 26:63-64 Jn 20:31
	1 John 1:6	If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth;	Do you enjoy fellowship with God and Christ? 1 Jn 1:3 1 Cor 1:9
	1 John 3:22	and whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do the things that are pleasing in His sight.	Do you pray and do you receive answers to your prayers? 1 Jn 5:14-15 Ps 66:18-20
	1 John 2:3	By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.	Do you follow His commandments? Ecc 12:13
	1 John 3:2	Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.	Do you eagerly await Christ's return? 1 Thes 4:13-18 Mar 13:34-37 Mt 24:42; 25:13
Worldview	1 John 2:15-17	Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and <i>also</i> its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever.	Do you hate the world's system? Mk 8:36 Jn 12:25-26 Jn 15:19 Rom 12:2
	1 John 3:13	Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.	Have you suffered on account of your faith in Christ? 1 Cor 4:12-13 1 Pet 4:4-5 Phil 1:28-30

Fruit	1 John 1:8	If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.	Are you sensitive to sin in your life and do you confess your sins? Rom 3:23-26 1 Jn 1:9-10
	1 John 3:8-9	..the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil. No one who is born of God practices sin, because His seed abides in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.	Do you continue to consciously sin without remorse or repentance? Rom 6:23 Rom 6:14 Rom 6:17-18
	1 John 4:1-3	Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.	Can you discern between spiritual truth and error? 1 Thes 5:21-22 2 Tim 2:24-26 Jn 14:17 1 Tim 4:1-3
	1 John 3:14	We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love abides in death.	Do you love your brothers and sisters in Christ? Jn 13:35 1 Jn 2:10 1 Jn 5:2 Heb 10:25
Witness	1 John 4:15	Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.	When did you witness last? Rom 10:9-10 Ps 145:18-20 Mt 7:21-23