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4 Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

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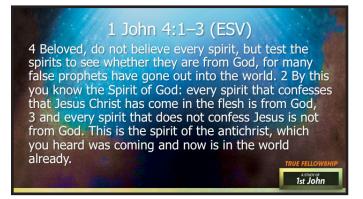
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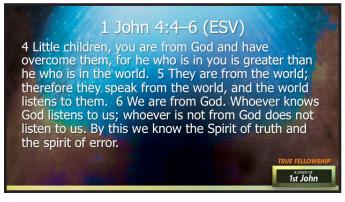
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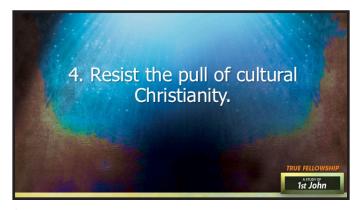
Philippians 2:6–8 Christ humbled Himself by taking on human form.

2 John 1:7 Many deceivers... do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.



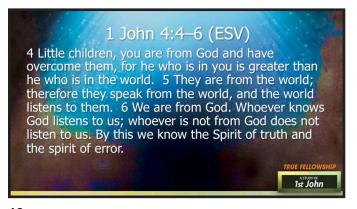
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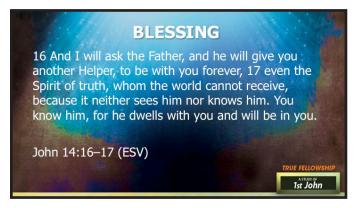




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GROWING POINTS

1. Test teachings by their source and content
2. Cultivate a Christ-centered theology.
3. Rest in Christ's victory.
4. Resist the pull of cultural Christianity.
5. Train yourself to love the truth.



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