

**Navigating the tension: Unraveling
2 John 6-13.**

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To keep from becoming a casualty of spiritual predators, committed followers of Jesus Christ must ...

- I. Be able to identify spiritual deception 2 John 6-7.**
 - a. Discerning the content and meaning of someone's confession of faith (truth) - What do you mean when you say: "Jesus Christ has come in the flesh"?
 - b. The challenges of spiritual predators: from within (cf. Acts 20:17-32).

- II. Be able to personally measure their spiritual health and resilience 2 John 8-9.**
 - a. Watch yourself- what and who are you working for?
 - b. Abiding- the antidote for a shallow life (Matt 13:20-21).

- III. Be able to keep their testimony for Christ uncompromised by the beliefs and practices of the world 2 John 10-13 (cf. 1 Tim 5:22).**

**Spiritual predators look for the spiritually sick and weak
Stay strong! Do not allow anyone or anything to drag you away from the Lord and his flock!**

1. What do you do to filter and relentlessly discern the information that saturates our lives daily? Unless you are strong in the Word and committed to doing his work the enemy will seek to exploit your weaknesses.
2. How much of a priority in your weekly life is your engagement in the local church? If you are marginally committed you will be an easy target for the enemy. This is a great time to invest in your spiritual health before a crisis comes.
3. Are you someone who influences others to come to the Lord or are you rather influenced by the world to pull away from the Lord? This is the time to clean up before Christ shows up!