

1 JOHN 3

• **God's Children vs. Devil's Children (2:28-3:24; Mt 12:30; Jn 1:9-13; 8:31-59)**

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| 1. Confident of eternal life (2:28; Jn 17:3; Lk 21:25-28) | 1. No eternal life (3:15) |
| 2. Doing good (2:29; 3:1-3) | 2. Sinful—missing the mark (3:4, 8) |
| 3. Doesn't keep sinning—repentant (3:5-7, 9)
- <i>Spirit (Ga 5:16-25)</i> | 3. Continues to sin—unrepentant (3:10)
- <i>Flesh (Ro 7:14-25)</i> |
| 4. Persecuted like Abel (3:13; Jn 15:18-21) | 4. Persecutor like Cain (3:12; Ge 4) |
| 5. Loves in actions (3:11, 14; 16-18)
- <i>Laying down life, giving (Ja 2:14-18)</i> | 5. Hates (3:15)
- <i>Sin in God's eyes (Mt 5:21-22)</i> |
| 6. Confident in prayer due to obedience (3:19-24) | 6. Fear of punishment (4:17-18) |
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LOVE LESSON 3 • TOUGH LOVE

• **Principles (Ep 4:15; Le 19:17-18)**

1. Truth-telling vs. peacekeeping (Truth needs to be heard)
2. Other's well-being vs. my comfort level (Love for them, their growth)

• **How to confront**

1. Clarify issue
2. Cleanse your own spirit (Mt 7:3-5)
3. Choose appropriate time and place
 - *Neutral place*
 - *No distractions*
 - *May be open-ended*
4. Pray (Co 4:2)
5. Communicate (third party may help too)
 - *State commitment*
 - *Explain problem—use “I message” (don't use “always” or “never”)*
 - *Invite dialogue (Facts straight? Missing anything? Your thoughts?)*