

## Test 4: Having a Clean Heart

### 1 John 03: 18–24

**1** *A clean heart is produced by loving with actions and with words only*

- a. Love assures truth
- b. Love satisfies conscience

**2** *A clean heart is produced by God's knowledge*

- a. Knows our need for cleansing and release of conscience
- b. Assures us

**3** *A clean heart is produced by obeying the commandments*

**4** *A clean heart is produced by obeying the supreme commandment of God*

- a. By believing in God's Son Jesus Christ
- b. By loving one another

**5** *A clean heart is produced by the Spirit dwelling within*

- a. A mutual indwelling
- b. The Spirit assures that God lives within us

18 Dear children,  
let us not love with words or tongue  
but with actions and in truth.

19 This then is how we know  
that we belong to the truth,  
and how we set our hearts  
at rest in his presence

20 Whenever our hearts condemn us.  
For God is greater than our hearts,  
and he knows everything.

21 Dear friends,  
if our hearts do not condemn us,  
we have confidence before God

22 And receive from him anything we ask,  
because we obey his commands  
and do what pleases him.

23 And this is his command:  
to believe in the name of his Son,  
Jesus Christ,  
and to love one another  
as he commanded us.

24 Those who obey his commands  
live in him,  
and he in them.  
And this is how we know  
that he lives in us:  
We know it by the Spirit he gave us.