

5. What are some commonly accepted practices in our culture that would fit in the “jerk” category?  
What does the Bible say about these?

6. Utilizing the passage presented in the message, summarize what John has to say about the connection between right doctrine and right practice.

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## Can I Be a Christian if I'm a Jerk? (or An Overview of 1 John)

- We are to \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 3.18

- There is a difference between "\_\_\_\_\_"

and "making a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

1 JOHN 2.1

- John stresses \_\_\_\_\_ for the

\_\_\_\_\_.

I. \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_...

A. ... you are \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 2.9-11; JOHN 1.4-5, 9

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### PERSONAL APPLICATION

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1. What are some of the most common ways you rationalize *your* lack of love for the brothers?
2. What area of jerkishness will you pray for the Holy Spirit to help you combat this week?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Caleb or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

B. ... you are \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 3.14; JOHN 5.24

C. ... you are a \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 3.15; MATTHEW 5.21-22

D. ... you may be a \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 4.20-21; 2.7-8; LEVITICUS 19.18

II. \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 4.7-10; ROMANS 5.6-8

III. If we have \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_, we \_\_\_\_\_.

1 JOHN 5.1-5; ROMANS 5.5; 1 JOHN 2.1-2

1) \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

2) \_\_\_\_\_.

3) \_\_\_\_\_.

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## STUDY AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. What can we learn from 1 John 3.8-10 about those who do not love their brothers?

2. Is being a jerk the same thing as hating your brother? Defend your answer.

3. Does 1 John 3.18 suggest that we don't have to love in word or talk? Defend your answer.

4. Jesus turned the tables over in the temple (John 2.13-17). Are there times when Christians aren't supposed to be nice? Defend your answer.