

# Don't Live Like Linus

1 John 2:7-11

In 1 John 1:5-2:2, John described the characteristics of a close relationship with God. In 2:3-27, John gives three tests to determine whether or not our relationship with God is real.

- Moral or ethical test (2:3-6)—Do we obey God's commands?
- Social test (2:7-11)—Do we love people?
- Doctrinal test (2:18-27)—Do we believe the truth?

The second test emphasizes that love is the living evidence of eternal life. By keeping the command of love, we confirm that we are standing in the light.

**Love one another (2:7-8)**

**Don't claim to be a Christian if you cannot get along with other people (2:9-11)**

Keep the command of love to confirm that you are standing in the light