

HELP I NEED... DISCERNMENT

In our previous session, we discussed the need for direction, but there is an even greater need for every believer: Godly discernment. As we make decisions and seek direction, we also need discernment to guide us in our daily lives. While direction speaks to the choices we make, discernment addresses how we make those choices, ensuring they align with what is true, right, and rooted in God's will. Direction tells us *what* choice to make, while discernment helps us know that we are making the *right* choice.

In fact, discernment can be described as the ability to distinguish 1) right from wrong 2) good from evil 3) truth from error and 4) God's will from our own.

What do we need to know about discernment from the word of God?

1. GIVEN BY _____

- a. John 16:12-13, NIV
- b. ¹²“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.
- c. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, NKJV
- d. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: ⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

2. A RESPONSE TO OUR _____

- a. Proverbs 2:3-5, NKJV
- b. Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *and* lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures; ⁵Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God.

3. A SIGN OF _____

- a. Hebrews 5:14, NKJV
- b. ¹⁴ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

4. A RESULT OF A _____

- a. Romans 12:2, ESV
- b. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

HOW CAN WE PUT DISCERNMENT INTO ACTION?

1. Identify Areas In Your Life Needing _____

2. Make Prayer and Reading God's Word a _____

3. Create _____ To Listen for God's Voice

4. Get In the _____