



Part 8 “True Discernment”

1 Corinthians 2:6 “Yet we do speak wisdom among those who are mature; a wisdom, however, not of this age nor of the rulers of this age, who are passing away; ⁷ but we speak God’s wisdom in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God predestined before the ages to our glory; ⁸ *the wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory; ⁹ but just as it is written,

“THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD,
AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM.”

¹⁰ For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, ¹³ which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual *thoughts* with spiritual *words*.

¹⁴ But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. ¹⁵ But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. ¹⁶ For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have the mind of Christ.”

The great enemy of revival and true discernment is a religious spirit

- How did we lose our first love or passion? Slowly other things take priority
- How do we lose that childlike faith? Listening to the wrong people
- Were we doing more at first than we are now? Was there a time you were closer to the Lord
- How did man-made religion divide us?
- How did the gospel get perverted?
- How did church become so powerless?

- How has the world been so allowed in many churches today?

There is a religious mindset of not expecting like a child what is in the Bible to happen today.

There is also a religious spirit that causes people to not have mercy and grace toward others.

Discernment “spiritual perception”

1 Cor 12:10 “Spiritual gift of discerning of spirits”

- Diakrisis #1253 judge carefully (1 Cor 11 discerning the body of the Lord)
- Know (yada #3045) intimately and judge carefully Ecc 8:5 wise man truly discerns
- Nakar #5234 distinguish, examine carefully, and perceive

How to have discernment

- Counterfeit: Christians that connect to occult information
- Matthew 7:15 protecting the sheep

There seems to be a mantle of authority that will carry a level of discernment and wisdom like parent, pastor, etc

There are seven steps connected to discernment

- It will not contradict scripture
- Fruit of the Spirit will be evident
- Christ's fruit in ministry
- Does your spirit bear witness
- What does the Holy Spirit say
- Wise counsel
- True prophets

Ezekiel 44:23-24 teach between the holy and profane

- Develop a living relationship with the Lord (remember Enoch)
- Pray for discernment
- Know the word for yourself
- Know the Holy Spirit

Revelation 2:4 “But I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Therefore remember from where you have fallen, and repent and do the deeds you did at first; or else I am coming to you and will remove your lampstand out of its place—unless you repent.”

Discipline

- Isaac was blind and would have chosen Esau
- John the Baptist lived a life of fasting
- Jesus was fasting in Samaria making a way for Philip