

**“Spiritual Discernment”  
Selected Scriptures  
Part 2**

- A Call for discernment—examine everything  
1 Thess. 5:21-22; 1 John 4:1; Psalm 139:23-24; Phil. 1:9-10  
Eph. 5:7-11; Romans 12:1-3; Gal. 6:1-5
  
- Truth is what saves and sanctifies  
John 8:31-32  
John 17:17
  
- Truth is what the Lord’s church supports  
1 Tim. 3:14-15  
Eph. 4:11-16
  
- Truth is what to be taught  
2 Tim. 3:16-4:5  
Titus 1:9  
2 Tim. 2:15
  
- Why do we have to fight for discernment
  - 1) Self deception toward self gratification  
Gen. 3:1-7; Proverbs 18:1; James 1:14; Col. 3:5  
Gal. 5:16-17; Romans 7:14-25; John 8:44; Eph. 4:22-24
  
  - 2) Man’s way vs. God’s way  
Col. 2:6-8; Eph. 5:6; Col. 2:23; 1 Tim. 6:20; Gal. 4:3  
2 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Cor. 10:2-6; 1 John 1; 2:15-17; 4:1-5; Proverbs 14:12
  
- How can you become a discerning Christian?
  - 1) Desire—born out of humility  
1 Peter 2:1-2; Proverbs 2:1-12, 20; 3:19-28  
Proverbs 4:7; 18:15; Psalm 138:6; 1 Peter 5:5
  
  - 2) Prayer  
1 Kings 3:9-12; James 1:5; 3:17
  
  - 3) Follow the pattern of the mature  
Heb. 5:10-14; James 1:21-22; Phil. 3:17-19  
Eph. 4:12-15; 1 Cor. 11:1
  
  - 4) Depend upon the Holy Spirit  
John 16:7-8, 13-14; Col. 3:3-4; Jude 24-25
  
  - 5) Study the scriptures  
Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 3:15; 1 Peter 2:2

