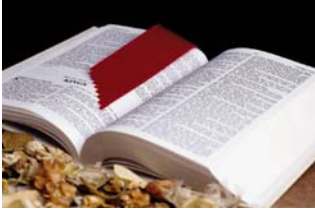


Discerning of Spirits 4 - Discernment Through Knowledge

Ezekiel 44:23 And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.



Discerning of Spirits defined:

- Strong's: To separate thoroughly
- Vine's: To distinguish or have clear discrimination
- Young's: A thorough judging

Gordon Lindsay: "Supernatural enablement, permitting identification of the nature and character of spirits, seen and unseen"

Philippians 1:9-10 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, . . .

Power of Teaching on Discernment: Teach What You Want to Have

Faith comes by hearing ... you will be able to have more discernment in the future

Q) Do you go out of your way to be a part of good teaching?	Yes	or	No
Q) Do you show up to lessons only when it is convenient?	Yes	or	No
Q) Are you a student of the Bible?	Yes	or	No
Q) Do you participate in daily Bible reading?	Yes	or	No



Hebrews 5:12-14 "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. 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."

Hebrews 4:12-13 "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. ¹³ And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

False Doctrines, Ideals in the Church

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, . . .

Doctrines	Teaching	Truth from Scripture
Universalism	All will be saved	Matthew 7:2 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven."
No Hell	No one will go to hell	Revelations 20:15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.
Home church movement (Spirit of Korah)	Only legitimate churches meet in homes; others do "church as usual," giving too much authority to one man; robbing each member from using their gifts.	Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house. Numbers 16:3 They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?" "
Kingdom relationship above sin	No rules in relationships	1 Corinthians 6:9-10 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators ... will inherit the kingdom of God."

Correlation of Discernment and Understanding of the law ...

Proverbs 15:21 Folly is joy to him who is destitute of discernment, but a man of understanding walks uprightly."

Proverbs 28:7 Whoever keeps the law is a discerning son, but a companion of gluttons shames his father."

Ecclesiastes 8:5 He who keeps his command will experience nothing harmful; And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment, . . ."