

Wisdom is a Discerner

Walking In Wisdom - Week 4 (9-4-24)

1 Kings 3:9 and Hebrews 5:13-14

I. The Nature of Discernment

A. Discern

1. To come to know or recognize mentally. To detect with your senses.
2. Identify as separate and distinct.

B. 1 Kings 3:9 - byn - separate; distinguish; understand; attend; consider; be cunning

C. Hebrews 5:14 - diakrisis - distinguishing; estimation; discern; disputation

D. Acts as a Filter

1. Discerning right from wrong, true from false, good from better, better from best.
2. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

E. Gets right to the root of matters

1. Detect things accurately. Truly for what they are, and not just what they appear to be on the surface.
 - a) It sees things from God's perspective! The way that He sees them.

II. The Need for Discernment

A. Deception

1. The most dangerous lies are not the ones that go blatantly against the truth but the ones that look the most like the truth!
 - a) 2 Corin. 11:13-15
2. 1 John 4:1-6
 - a) Any spirit that rejects, distorts, or distracts from the Gospel of Jesus Christ is of the spirit of antichrist.
 - b) What antichrists are in your life that need to be discerned and filtered out?
3. Jeremiah 9:6 AMP - "Your dwelling is in the midst of deceit [oppression upon oppression and deceit upon deceit]; Through deceit they refuse to know (understand) Me, says the Lord."

B. "The enemy always attacks the message, the messenger, and the method."

III. The Impact of Discernment

A. Protection from Deception

1. John 8:31-32
 - a) Discernment is the filter and truth is the screen.

B. Instrument of Healing

1. Discerning in ministering to others.
 - a) Acts as the scalpel in surgery. Making fine, accurate cuts in order to correct and make right.
 - (1) Hebrews 4:12
 - (2) Wisdom discerns and is included in the Word of God.
2. Discerning in leading yourself

- a) Galatians 6:7-8
- C. Catalyst to Spiritual Development
 - 1. Proverbs 14:6 - “A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: but knowledge is easy unto him that understandeth.”
 - a) “Understandeth” = discern
 - (1) When we have discernment, knowledge comes easily.
 - 2. Discernment will help us to “zero in” on the things that need the most of our attention.
 - 3. 1 Corin. 2:12-16
 - a) We compare spiritual things with spiritual things.
 - b) They are spiritually discerned.
 - (1) The difference between the natural man and the spiritual man is that the spiritual man can judge (discern) both earthly and spiritual things.
 - (2) We can know the things that God has freely given us, and walk in them!

“Discernment is not knowing the difference between right and wrong. It is knowing the difference between right and almost right.” - Charles Spurgeon