

Colossians 1:9-AMP

For this reason we also, from the day we heard of it, **have not ceased to pray and make [special] request for you, [asking]** that you may be filled with the full (deep and clear) **knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom** [*in comprehensive insight into the ways and purposes of God*] and in **understanding and discernment of spiritual things...**

1 Corinthians 12:10-AMP

...to another **the ability to discern and distinguish between** [*the utterances of true*] spirits [*and false ones*]...

1 John 4:1-Passion

Delightfully loved friends, don't trust every spirit, but carefully examine *what they say* to determine if they are of God, because many false prophets have mingled into the world.

What is the process of discernment? (4 key Biblical tests)

1. Does it give glory to Jesus Christ in the **present** and in the **future**?

John 14: 26-Passion

But when the Father sends the Spirit of Holiness, the One like me who sets you free, **he will teach you all things in my name. And he will inspire you to remember every word that I've told you.**

John 16: 13 –14-Passion

But when the truth-giving Spirit comes, **he will unveil the reality of every truth within you.** He won't speak his own message, **but only what he hears from the Father, and he will reveal prophetically to you what is to come.**

He will glorify me on the earth, for he will receive from me what is mine and reveal it to you.

2. Is it consistent with the **plans and character** of God revealed in scripture?

John 2:22-Passion

But the disciples **remembered his prophecy** after Jesus rose from the dead, and **believed both the Scripture and what Jesus had said.**

2 Timothy 3: 14–17-Passion

16 Every Scripture has been written by the Holy Spirit, the breath of God. **It will empower you by its instruction and correction,** giving you the strength **to take the right direction** and **lead you deeper into the path of godliness.**

17 Then you will be God's servant, fully mature and **perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.**

John 2:24-25-Passion

24 But **Jesus did not yet entrust himself to them, because he knew how fickle human hearts can be.**

25 He didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature, **for he fully understood what man was capable of doing.**

Hebrews 4:12-AMP

For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power...**exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart.**

Passion - *It interprets and reveals the true thoughts and secret motives of our hearts.*

NKJV - and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

3. Do other people who are filled with the Holy Spirit (in the body of Christ) have a **confirming witness**?

1 Corinthians 14:29-Passion

And the same with prophecy. Let two or three prophets prophesy and let the other prophets carefully evaluate and discern what is being said.

4. Is there confirmation (proof) in truly supportable events or facts?

Deuteronomy 18:21-22-NLT

But you may wonder, 'How will we know whether or not a prophecy is from the LORD?'

If the prophet speaks in the LORD's name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the LORD did not give that message. That prophet has spoken without My authority and need not be feared.

Isaiah 55:11-AMP

So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [*without producing any effect, useless*], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.

Hebrews 5:12-14-Passion

12 For you should already be professors instructing others by now; but instead, you need to be taught from the beginning the basics of God's prophetic oracles! You're like children still needing milk and not yet ready to digest solid food.

13 For every spiritual infant who lives on milk is not yet pierced by the revelation of righteousness.

14 But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful

WHETHER YOU TURN
TO THE RIGHT OR
TO THE LEFT,
YOUR EARS WILL HEAR
A VOICE BEHIND YOU,
SAYING, "THIS IS THE WAY;
WALK IN IT."
ISAIAH 30:21 NIV

THE NEED FOR HOLY SPIRIT DISCERNMENT .

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