

The Duty and Discipline of Discernment

1 Thessalonians 5:20-22

I. Describing Discernment

II. We are Called to Discernment

A. Discernment so to grow in maturity

B. Discernment for our Protection and Safety

C. Discernment to Please and Honor God

III. Growing the Practice and Discipline of Discernment

- Pray for discernment out of a sincere desire
- Humbly depend on the Spirit's illumination
- Emulate those who demonstrate good discernment
- Search, study and meditate on the Scriptures
- Be sanctified by the objective Truth of God's Word
- Discern the implication and application of the Truth
- Live in a growing obedience to the Truth
- Test or examine everything against that Truth
- Hold fast to that which is good
- Abstain from every form of evil