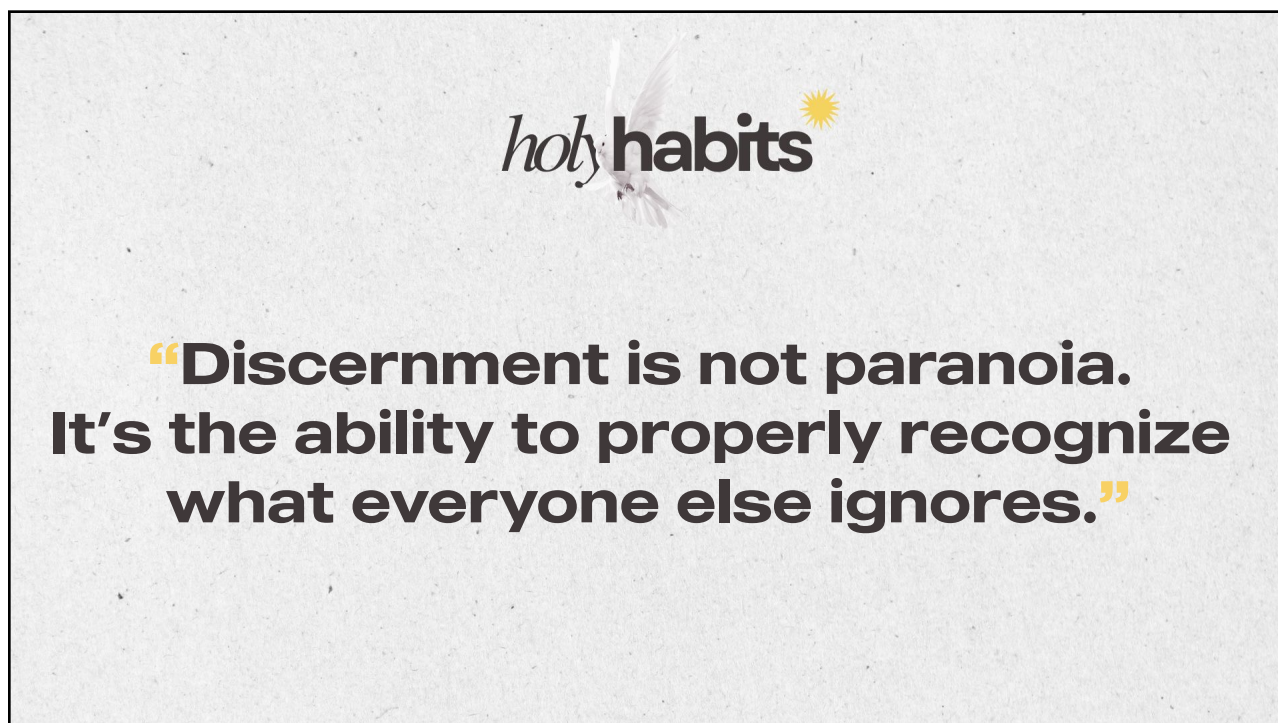




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**“In a culture filled with noise,
confusion, impulses, opinions,
and deception,
believers desperately need
the wisdom of the Holy Spirit.”**

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**LET'S
LOOK
AT
SOME
DEFINITIONS**



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Wisdom – Wisdom is the God-given ability to see correctly and respond properly. Wisdom is knowing what to do, when to do it, and how to do it God's way.

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**“Knowledge tells
you something is happening.
Wisdom tells you
what to do about it.”**

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Discernment – Discernment is the spiritual ability to distinguish between truth and error, right and wrong, wisdom and foolishness.

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**“Not everything spiritual is godly.
Not everything loud is right.
Not everything emotional
is Holy Spirit.”**

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Truth – Truth is what agrees with God, regardless of feelings, culture, opinions, or preferences.

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**“Truth does not change
because culture got louder.”**

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Prudence – Prudence is wisdom applied carefully. Prudence is the ability to think ahead before acting.

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**“Immaturity always reacts.
Prudence confidently pauses.”**

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EARTHLY WISDOM VERSUS HEAVENLY WISDOM

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James 3:13-17 | **NLT**

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James 3:13-17 | **NLT**

¹³ If you are wise and understand God's ways, **prove it by living an honorable life**, doing good works with the humility that comes from wisdom.



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¹⁴ But if you are bitterly jealous and there is selfish ambition in your heart, **don't cover up the truth** with boasting and lying.



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¹⁵ For jealousy and selfishness are **not God's kind of wisdom**. Such things are earthly, unspiritual, and demonic.

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¹⁶ For wherever there is jealousy and selfish ambition, there you will find disorder and evil of every kind.

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¹⁷ But the **wisdom from above** is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.



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Earthly wisdom is marked by:

- Bitter envy
- Selfish ambition
- Disorder
- Confusion
- Demonic influence



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Heavenly wisdom is marked by:

- Purity
- Peace
- Gentleness
- Openness to reason
- Mercy
- Sincerity

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Here this beloved.

**“You can tell the source of wisdom
by the fruit it produces.”**

22



**“Biblical wisdom is not proven
by what you say.
It’s proven by how you live.”**

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**HOW
THE
SPIRIT
HELPS
US**



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[1]

**The Holy Spirit Helps Believers
THINK
DIFFERENTLY.**

25

Romans 12:2 | NIV

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.** Then you will be able to **test and approve what God's will is**—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



26

1 Corinthians 2:14-16 | **NIV**

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but **considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.**



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¹⁵ The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but **such a person is not subject to merely human judgments,**



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¹⁶ for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But **we have the mind of Christ.**

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Paul explained that **only those aided by the Holy Spirit** have the capacity to understand spiritual things (1 Corinthians 2:14).

Those not helped by the Spirit simply **cannot comprehend spiritual truth.**

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They can grasp things intellectually (Romans 1:18–23; James 2:19), but that does not mean they can attain spiritual understanding.

They don't have **the capacity to understand** or believe anything beyond the material world.

(<https://www.bibleref.com/1-Corinthians/2/1-Corinthians-2-15.html>)

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**What Paul is saying,
“Apart from the Holy Spirit,
people may hear
the truth intellectually,
but remain unable
to discern it spiritually.”**

32



**Here's the truth people.
“You cannot fully understand
spiritual things
with a mind untouched
by the Holy Spirit.”**

33



**“You cannot and should not expect
spiritually unregenerated people
to consistently think
with spiritual wisdom.”**

34

Ephesians 4:23 | CEV

Let the Spirit change your way of thinking.



35



**“Salvation shouldn’t just
change our hearts,
but it should also
transform our thinking.”**

36

The Holy Spirit:

- Interrupts destructive thinking
- Exposes toxic mindsets
- Renews perspectives
- Retrains desires
- Convicts irrational behavior

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Hear this beloved.
**“Every thought in your head
did not originate in Heaven people.
Recognize that.”**

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**“The Holy Spirit will
challenge your thinking
before He changes your
circumstances.”**

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**“Some believers want God to
change their situation
while refusing to change
their mindset.”**

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[2]

**The Holy Spirit Helps Believers
DISCERN
CORRECTLY.**

41

1 John 4:1 | **TLB**

Dearly loved friends, **don't always believe everything you hear** just because someone says it is a message from God: **test it first** to see if it really is. For there are many false teachers around,



42

Proverbs 3:21 | **NLT**

My child, don't lose sight of
common sense and discernment.
Hang on to them...



43

Some believers:

- Call conviction "judgment"
- Call emotions "discernment"
- Call preference "the voice of God"



44

Discernment:

- Grows through maturity
- Requires Scripture
- Requires humility
- Protects relationships and decisions

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**“The enemy rarely
shows up obvious.
That’s why believers need
discernment.”**

46



**“Biblical wisdom is not proven
by what you say.
It’s proven by how you live.”**

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**The Holy Spirit Helps Believers
RESPOND
WISELY.**

48

Proverbs 15:1 | **NIV**

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but **a harsh word** stirs up anger.



49

James 1:19 | **NIV**

My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak** and **slow to become angry,**



50

Colossians 4:6 | **NCV**

When you talk, you should always be **kind and pleasant** so you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should.



51

Spirit-led people:

- Don't react impulsively
- Don't escalate unnecessarily
- Don't weaponize words
- Don't respond from flesh wounds



52



**Understand this friends.
“Wisdom is often revealed
in restraint.”**

53



**“Not every battle
deserves your energy.”**

54



**“Maturity is not
saying everything you feel.”**

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**CONSIDER
THESE
CRUCIAL
TAKEAWAYS
TODAY**



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[A]

You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
**STAYING ROOTED
IN SCRIPTURE.**

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[B]

You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
**THINKING TWICE BEFORE
YOU REACT.**

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[C]

You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
**ACCEPTING HOLY SPIRIT
CONVICTION.**

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[D]

You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
**SEEKING GODLY
COUNSEL.**

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[E]

**You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
LEARNING FROM
CORRECTION.**

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[F]

**You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
PRAYING BEFORE
MAJOR DECISIONS.**

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[G]

**You can grow in wisdom
and discernment by
EVALUATING THE FRUIT,
NOT JUST THE FEELINGS.**

63



**“The true goal of spiritual maturity
is not merely hearing God.
It’s living wisely because you did.”**

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