

## Wisdom: Discretion/Discernment/Discipline

- All Interrelate/Definitions overlap
- All derived from rt. word *discere*: **To learn**
- All offered by the Holy Spirit to make us solid

### I. Discretion: Just because I can doesn't mean I should

**Discretion:** heb. *mish-pawt'* To judge/Measure. rt. *shaw-fat'* to judge, govern, vindicate, punish. Judge what is right **and do it.**

**IOWs In all things ask:** Should I or shouldn't I?...

**Psalms 112:5** A good man...will guide his affairs with **discretion.**

**Proverbs 1:4** [Wisdom gives] ... the young man **knowledge and discretion.**

**Proverbs 2:10** When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, 11 **Discretion** will preserve you ...Understanding will keep you...

**Proverbs 3:21** My son... Keep sound wisdom **and discretion...**

**Proverbs 11:22** As a ring of gold in a swine's snout, So is a lovely woman who **lacks discretion.**

**Proverbs 19:11** The **discretion** of a man makes him slow to anger [and] overlook a transgression.

- **Discretion:** Asking Should I/Shouldn't I and Acting Accordingly
  1. Should I go here/there?
  2. Should I say this/that? If so, when?
  3. Should I act now/later/not at all?
  4. Is this appropriate [though not necessarily sin]?
  5. **IOWs** Is this God's will of my own?

### II. Discernment: Just because I don't know doesn't mean I can't know

- **Discern OT** heb. *Bee-naw* Knowledge/Meaning/Perfect Understanding

**Proverbs 2:1** My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, 2 So that you incline your ear to wisdom, And apply your heart to understanding; 3 Yes, if you cry out for **discernment**, And lift up your voice for understanding, 4 If you seek her as silver, And search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God. 6 For **the Lord gives wisdom**

- **1. Discern NT** gr. *an-ak-ree'-no* investigate, examine, enquire, scrutinize, question
- **2. Discern NT** gr. *dee-ak'-ree-sis* to distinguish, judge. rt. make distinction

**IOWs Supernaturally ability to know right from wrong/Good from Evil**

**1 Corinthians 2:14** ... the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

**1 Corinthians 12:10** [Gift of the spirit] ...to another discerning of spirits

**Philippians 1:9** ... I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and **all discernment...**

**Hebrews 4:12b** [Written/Living Word] ...a **discerner** of the thoughts/intents of the heart.

**Hebrews 5:14** But solid [spiritual] 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.

**Romans 13:11**...know...the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

- **Discernment:** Having the Supernaturally ability to know right from wrong
  1. Exercised through knowledge of the Word
  2. Empowered by filling of the Spirit
  3. Refined by obedience to small still voice. Listen for/Listen to/Obey.

**III. Discipline:** Just because I don't have to doesn't mean I shouldn't

- **Discipline:** gr. so'-frone curbing one's desires/impulses, self-controlled, temperate

**IOWs Proactively keeping our fleshly desires in subjection to the Spirit**

Through pain, i.e. *Not trying harder but dying quicker in*

**1 Corinthians 9:25** ...everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for an imperishable crown*. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I run thus: **not with uncertainty**. Thus I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. <sup>27</sup> But I **discipline** my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Everything I do is with purpose. Everything I do is to win  
Thus I train hard and with intent...

- **V 27 Discipline:** Lit. Beat black and blue/to smite as to cause bruise
- Also rendered *Sober Minded*. rt. frane. Lit. to keep the heart

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly[w/self-control], righteously, and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

- **I Walk/Live w/ purpose:** Every action/Every word matters and I know it

**Galatians 5:16** Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. **22...** the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, **self-control**.

1. **Discretion** In all things ask: Should I or shouldn't I?...
2. **Discernment** In all things using supernaturally ability to know right from wrong
3. **Discipline** At all times keeping our fleshly desires in subjection to the Spirit. Living to win