

## Discerning Truth

(TTT-07) Tuned and Trained for Truth Series

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- **Discernment – defined**
  - The quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is \_\_\_\_\_, an act of perceiving or discerning something
  - a view to obtaining \_\_\_\_\_ guidance and understanding
- God’s Manual for Living – discerning how we should think about everything in life
- Hebrews 5:11–14
  - Spiritually \_\_\_\_\_ – don’t listen and don’t understand
  - Need someone to teach you the \_\_\_\_\_ things about God’s word
  - Still \_\_\_\_\_ – don’t know how to do what is right
  - Mature through training have the \_\_\_\_\_ to recognize the difference between right and wrong
- Ephesians 4:14 ... We will not be influenced when people try to \_\_\_\_\_ us with lies so clever, they sound like the truth.
- 1 John 4:1–6
  - If someone claims to be a prophet who does not acknowledge the \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus, they are not from God
  - They speak from the world’s \_\_\_\_\_
  - Don’t listen to the \_\_\_\_\_ – don’t belong to God
  - This is how we know (discernment) if someone has the Spirit of Truth or the spirit of \_\_\_\_\_

## The Devil’s Pitches

- 2 Corinthians 10:4
- Colossians 2:4
- 2 Peter 3:16
- Ephesians 6:11
- Ephesians 4:14
- 2 Corinthians 11:14

## Self-Examination

- Matthew 7:4–5 ... First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will \_\_\_\_\_ well enough to deal with the speck in your friend’s eye. (discernment)
- Lamentations 3:40 Instead, let us test and \_\_\_\_\_ our ways. Let us turn back to the Lord.
- 2 Corinthians 13:5 \_\_\_\_\_ yourselves to see if your faith is genuine.
- Examine yourselves to see if your love is genuine
- Romans 12:9–11 ...Love each other with \_\_\_\_\_ affection
- Speaking Truth in Love
  - Love speaks Truth – it is not \_\_\_\_\_
  - Discerning \_\_\_\_\_ – why am I going to speak?
  - \_\_\_\_\_ am I going to speak?
- Ephesians 4:11-16
  - Christ gave \_\_\_\_\_ to the church
  - Their responsibility is to \_\_\_\_\_ God’s people
  - That we will be \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord
  - No longer be \_\_\_\_\_ like children
  - We will speak the truth in \_\_\_\_\_
  - The whole body is healthy and growing and \_\_\_\_\_ of love
- I John 4:7-9
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one another
  - Love comes from \_\_\_\_\_
  - God is \_\_\_\_\_
  - God showed how much he loved us by sending \_\_\_\_\_ that we might have eternal life
- Romans 5:8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Loving Sinners – while they are yet \_\_\_\_\_
- Approaching sinners from a ministry of \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Corinthians 13:1–8

## Introduction and assignment for next week’s message

- Acts 17:16-34 – Paul speaking truthfully with unbelievers
  - Paul distressed by the culture
  - Reasoning among believers
  - Speaking in the marketplace