

## Spiritual Discernment

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MHS-05 Ministry of the Holy Spirit Series

Last Week - Is it Weird or is it God?

- Biblical Precedence
- Spiritual Discernment
- Mark 16:17–18
- Acts 28:3–6
- Luke 4:9–12

A key phrase in spiritual discernment – “The Scriptures also say...”

- The more you know the scriptures the more discerning you will be
- 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
  - Things not perceived naturally
  - God revealed by his Spirit and shows us God’s deep secrets
  - We have received the Spirit so that we can know the wonderful things that God has freely given us
  - Using Spiritual words to explain Spiritual Truth
  - People who are not spiritual cannot receive
  - Only those who are spiritual can understand
  - The spiritual people evaluate all things
  - We understand, for we have the mind of Christ
- Romans 12:2
  - Changing the way that you think
  - So that you have the mind of Christ

### Examples of Discernment

- Some things directly revealed through the Word, through Visions, Angels, etc.
- Other things – conclusions – may be subjective
- Discerning to know
- Discerning to do
- Acts 5:3
- Acts 8:29 The Holy Spirit said to Philip...
- Acts 8:39,40 ...found himself in Azotus
- Acts 13:2 ... the Holy Spirit said...
- Acts 15:28 (NLT) — 28 “For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us
- Acts 16:6–10 ... the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time

- Acts 19:10 ...people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord.

### Spirit bears witness

- Romans 8:16 (NLT) — 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God’s children.
  - NASB – testifies
  - KJV – bears witness

### Led by Desire

- Psalm 37:4–5
  - Qualifiers – delighting yourself in the Lord – commit your way to the Lord
  - The desires you have will be given by him
  - Desires are motivators to accomplishment
- Colossians 1:9–10
  - God give you complete knowledge of his will
  - Give you spiritual wisdom and understanding (Discernment)
  - The way you live will please the Lord
  - Produce every kind of good fruit (Fruit of the Spirit)
  - Growth from knowing God better and better

### Fire in your bones - heartburn

- Jeremiah 20:7–9
- Acts 18:9–10
- Acts 20:20–21

### A hearing heart

- My Heart has heard you...Psalm 27:8
  - Face to face as one to a friend - Exodus 33:11

### Holy Spirit – using us unaware

- Integrated into the fabric of our life and ministry
- Walking in step with the Spirit
- Speaking out the Holy Spirit’s words
- May be functioning in the gifts of the Spirit without an awareness

### Physical Impacts – Weird or God?

- Fire shut up in my bones – physical persuasion
- Emotion/Tears - Jeremiah 13:17

### Results of being Spirit led

- Galatians 5:16 (NLT) — 16 So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.
- 2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT) — 21 If you keep yourself pure, you will be ... ready for the Master to use you for every good work.