

Discernment – Mature

(Hebrews 5:11-14 ESV)

Discernment – the ability to perceive, understand, and judge things clearly, the ability to tell things apart, the ability to decide between truth and error, right and wrong.

Discernment is learning to think God's thoughts after Him. Discernment is the wisdom of God.

- There is a call to Spiritual Growth
- anyone who lives on milk is a babe still. Doesn't know how to do what is right
- Solid food is for the mature. Those through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong. Who have constant practice to distinguish good from evil
- In Genesis during creation. Everything that God created was good. He put a tree in the middle of the garden called the tree of knowledge of good and evil
- God told adam and the woman they were free can eat from all the trees in the garden but instruction not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. If they do, they would surely die.
- The serpent deceived the women and convinced her to eat from it

(Genesis 3:1-7 nlt)

- Because they disobeyed and ate from the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Their eyes got opened and sin came into the world

(Romans 5:12 nlt)

The word Sin in the gospels translated in Greek means “to miss the mark”

- Having knowledge of good and evil does you no good if you don't have wisdom to discern good from evil
- The bible says there is sorrow for those who call evil good and good evil

(Isaiah 5:20-21 nkjv)

- Trusting the Lord with all your heart and leaning not in your own understanding will help you discern from good and evil

(Proverbs 3:5-8 nkjv)

- Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of the Holy one results in good judgment **(Proverbs 9:10 nlt)**

What is the fear of the Lord? (Proverbs 8:12-13 nlt)

- Discernment is the wisdom of God
- Remember solid food is for the mature. so how do you know what fruit is if you're still on milk?
- The bible says you will know them by their fruit but if you can't discern from good and evil how can you tell if it's a good tree or a bad tree
- A tree that is considered good is a fruitful tree. Its doing what is purposed to do. A bad tree is an unfruitful tree **(Matthew 7:15-20 nlt)**
- God wants his church to mature. He wants us to partake in solid food. So because we start out as babes. He gave his church gifts to bring his body to a level of unity and maturity **(Ephesians 4:11-16 nlt)**
- There is a way God wants us to develop so that we can be useful with the knowledge of Jesus Christ **(2 Peter 1:5-11 nlt)**