

# **Spiritual Discernment**

**Why is discernment so important?  
Because without it, we will be deceived.**

**The only person that Satan can't deceive  
is the God.**

## **TWO SPIRITUAL WEAPONS OF DISCERNMENT**

### **1. The Word Of God**

**“For the word of God is living and active  
and full of power [making it operative,  
energizing, and effective]. It is sharper  
than any two-edged sword, penetrating  
as far as the division of the soul and  
spirit [the completeness of a person],  
and of both joints and marrow [the  
deepest parts of our nature], exposing**

**and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.”**

**Hebrews 4:12 AMP**

**-The Word Of God reveals God’s Truth and exposes Satan’s lies.**

## **2. The Witness of the Holy Spirit**

**“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.”**

**John 14:16-17 NKJV**

**“But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth [full and complete truth]. For He will not speak on His own initiative, but He will**

**speak whatever He hears [from the Father—the message regarding the Son], and He will disclose to you what is to come [in the future]. He will glorify and honor Me, because He (the Holy Spirit) will take from what is Mine and will disclose it to you.”**

**John 16:13-14 AMP**

**“Do not quench [subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of] the [Holy] Spirit. Do not scorn or reject gifts of prophecy or prophecies [spoken revelations—words of instruction or exhortation or warning]. But test all things carefully [so you can recognize what is good]. Hold firmly to that which is good.”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 AMP**

**The Holy Spirit is God judging between what is good and evil, true or false, wise or foolish, profitable or unprofitable.**

**Believers have a relationship with the Holy Spirit that allows Him to lead them. Believers can quench the Holy Spirit:**

- by ignoring Him,**
- rejecting His counsel,**
- being fearful of being judgmental**
- by valuing our own, or other's judgments more than His**
- demanding evidence**

**Spiritual discernment can be reduced to the echo we keep hearing after we've used our own judgment and suffered the consequences.**

**People have lost their sense of taste and smell because of COVID-19. discerners that we use to judge what we eat.**

**Stop, Ask, and Wait when you have that  
“funny feeling”**