

DESIRE TO BE DISCERNING

I. The Situation

- A. God holds ____ responsible for distinguishing between _____ and _____ and between _____ and _____ (1 Thes. 5:21-22)
- B. When we are too _____ to do that, He is _____ (Heb. 5:11-14)
- C. He has _____ us all the _____ we need to do that (2Tim. 3:16-17; Phil. 2:12b-13)
- D. He _____ us to _____ the situation (2 Pet. 1:5-8)

II. _____ Influence _____

- A. Some _____ to _____ discernment
 - 1. They deride it as “_____”
 - 2. They _____ inexperienced Christians
- B. God _____ the Bereans for the practice (Acts 17:11-12a)
 - 1. They _____ the _____ of Scripture
 - 2. They _____ the teaching of _____
 - 3. God called it “_____”
- C. Christ _____ the practice of the Pharisees (John 5:39-40, 46-47)
 - 1. They went to the _____

2. They looked for _____ for their _____
3. They looked for ways to _____ Christ's _____

III. The Task

A. _____ (1 Thes. 5:21-22)

1. All _____, to distinguish _____ from _____
(Rev. 2:2)
2. All _____, to distinguish _____ from _____
 - a. _____ to the _____
 - b. _____ from the _____
3. Involves evaluating _____ in the light of _____
 - a. Requires _____ of Scripture
 - b. Requires careful, active _____ or _____
 - c. Requires deliberate, clear _____

B. _____ the things that are _____

1. Necessary for determining _____ (Rom. 2:18)
2. Important enough that Paul _____ for believers to
_____ the ability (Phil. 1:9-11)
 - a. For their own _____
 - b. For God's _____