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What is Discernment?

The ability to make sound judgments by perceiving what is not readily obvious.

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**⁶⁵You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.**

**⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowledge,
For I believe Your commandments.**

³as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

**²I will worship toward Your holy temple,
And praise Your name For Your
lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have
magnified Your word above all Your name.**

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Am I teachable? When the Lord tells/
shows me something, do I ... justify? take
action? hesitate? or question?

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

¹⁶For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

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Question to reflect on:

1. Am I able to discern God's plan from my own plan?
2. When hearing a matter, am I able to pick up on what is said & not being said? (Wisdom)
3. Do I solely rely on my senses? What I see / what I hear (Discernment)
4. How do I currently distinguish truth from falsehood (Wisdom)?

⁷Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

¹My son, if you receive my words,
And treasure my commands within you,
²So that you incline your ear to wisdom,
And apply your heart to understanding;
³Yes, if you cry out for discernment,
And lift up your voice for understanding,
⁴If you seek her as silver,
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
⁵Then you will understand the fear of the LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.
⁶For the LORD gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding;

**⁷He stores up sound wisdom for the upright;
He is a shield to those who walk uprightly;
⁸He guards the paths of justice,
And preserves the way of His saints.
⁹Then you will understand righteousness and justice,
Equity and every good path.
¹⁰When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul,
¹¹Discretion will preserve you;
Understanding will keep you,**

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So Step number 1. in acquiring
discernment is.... **Ask.**

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

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And lift up your voice for understanding,**

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And search for her as for hidden treasures;**

⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**¹⁴“For if you forgive men their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you.**

**¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their
trespasses, neither will your Father forgive
your trespasses.**

**⁵Then you will understand the fear of the
LORD,
And find the knowledge of God.**

¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

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From His mouth come knowledge and
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²⁶For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. ²⁷But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty;

²⁸and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹that no flesh should glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—

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1 Kings 3:16–23

1 Kings 3:24–28

Recap Psalm 119:65-66 & Proverbs 2:1-11

1. Be teachable in the hands of the Lord
2. Receive and treasure God's Word
3. Cry out for discernment.
4. Seek and Search for wisdom be persistent.
5. Wisdom comes from God
6. The value of wisdom... Fear of the Lord.
7. Become The righteous / Upright / A Saint