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ELEMENT #1 OF BIBLICAL WOMANHOOD

Discernment


Titus 2:1

Doctrine: set of beliefs/
*What we believe about
God and how we live
that out*

Sound doctrine: healthy,
pure, uncontaminated,
free from error





What is Discernment?

- *The skill of understanding & applying God's Word with the purpose of separating truth from error & right from wrong. (Tim Challis in The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment)*
 - *Discernment involves distinguishing the difference between two things & separating one from the other. (page 26)*
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What is Discernment

- ▶ Source is God – Proverbs 9:10
 - ▶ Word of God – Titus 1:1-9
- ▶ Skill developed – Hebrews 5:11-14
 - ▶ Proverbs 15:14- SEEK; Proverbs 18:15 – ACQUIRE, SEEK; Psalm 119 – dependence on the Holy Spirit
 - ▶ Immersed in His Word
 - ▶ Be in a church where Word of God preached
 - ▶ Read it! PERSONAL time
 - ▶ Speak it: community group/ Bible studies/ discipleship



► *If we just hear truth, but we never write it out or wrestle with it, if we never try to repeat it or explain it to someone else, we never really own it. It will leave us as quickly as it came.*

► Nancy Guthrie in [Hoping for Something Better](#)

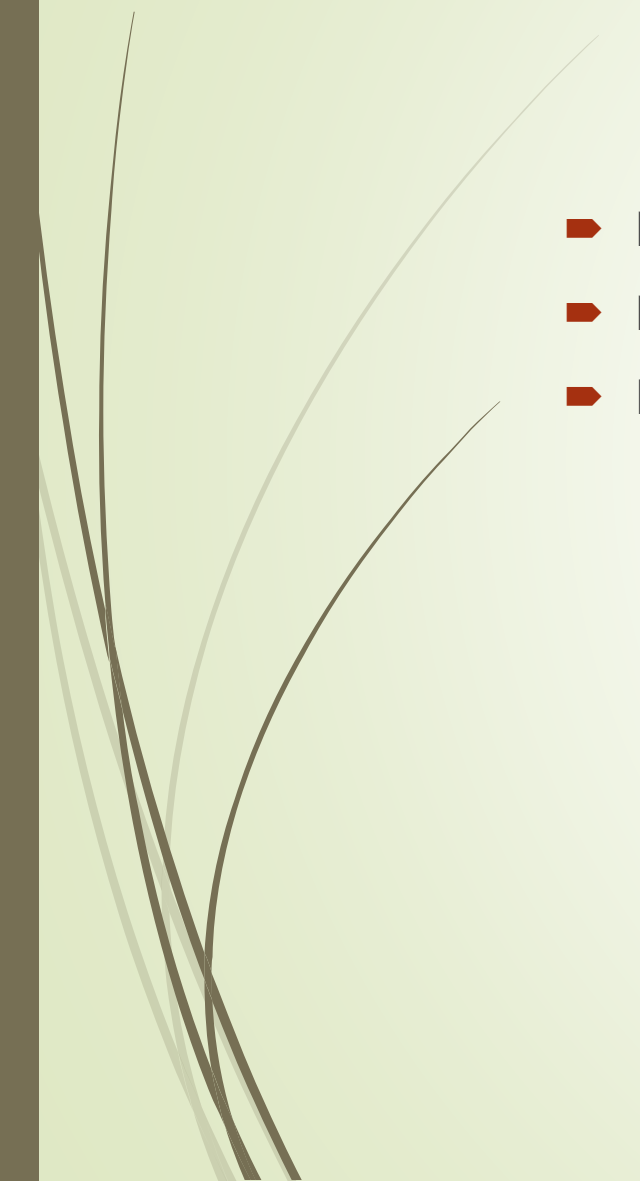


Why Discernment?

- ▶ Decisions we make not specifically addressed in Scripture
- ▶ 2 Voices calling out to us – Proverbs 9
 - ▶ WISDOM & FOLLY
- ▶ Voices calling from within
 - ▶ False Teachers (Titus 1:1-9; 3:8-11; 2 Peter 2)
 - ▶ Will look like Christians
 - ▶ People will want what they are giving (1 Tim. 4:3)
 - ▶ *Outwardly connected to the church & not inwardly connected to Jesus*
 - ▶ Worldly philosophy disguised as biblical truth
 - ▶ Our own hearts – battle with our flesh



What are the results of discernment?

- ▶ Not a “weak-willed woman” – 2 Timothy 3:6-7
 - ▶ Not blown about but rooted – Ephesians 4:14; James 1:6
 - ▶ Reach the goal – Philippians 1:9-11
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RESOURCES

- ▶ Melissa Krueger workshop on discernment
https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/conference_media/growing-in-discernment/
- ▶ The Discipline of Spiritual Discernment by Tim Challis
- ▶ God's Wisdom for Navigating Life – by Tim Keller
- ▶ Identity Theft by Melissa Krueger & others