

DISCERNMENT, UNDERSTANDING THE DEEPER REASONS WHY THINGS HAPPEN

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How To Increase Understanding, Learning & Guidance

7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. **9** The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 NLT

Moving By Faith Expands Our Discernment

18 Some men came carrying a paralyzed man on a sleeping mat. They tried to take him inside to Jesus, **19** but they couldn't reach him because of the crowd. So they went up to the roof and took off some tiles. Then they lowered the sick man on his mat down into the crowd, right in front of Jesus. **20** Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the man, "Young man, your sins are forgiven."

Luke 5:18-22 NLT

All Christians Have a Measure Of Discernment, But We Should Seek More

65 You have done many good things for me, LORD, just as you promised.

66 I believe in your commands; now teach me good judgment and knowledge. **67** I used to wander off until you disciplined me; but now I closely follow your word. **68** You are good and do only good; teach me your decrees.

Psalm 119:65-68 NLT

To Please God And Carry Out Our Daily Task, Ask God For Understanding

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. **11** So God replied, "Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— **12** I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! **13** And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life!

1 Kings 3:3-13 NLT

Knowing The Difference Of The Spirit Of Truth Or The Spirit Of Deception

1 Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world. **2** This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. **3** But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here.

1 John 4:1-6 NLT