



# Gift of Discernment



## **1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

# Discernment - Acuteness of judgment and understanding



**Gift of Discernment – Ability to see if something's from a good or bad source**







A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we  
can help each other.

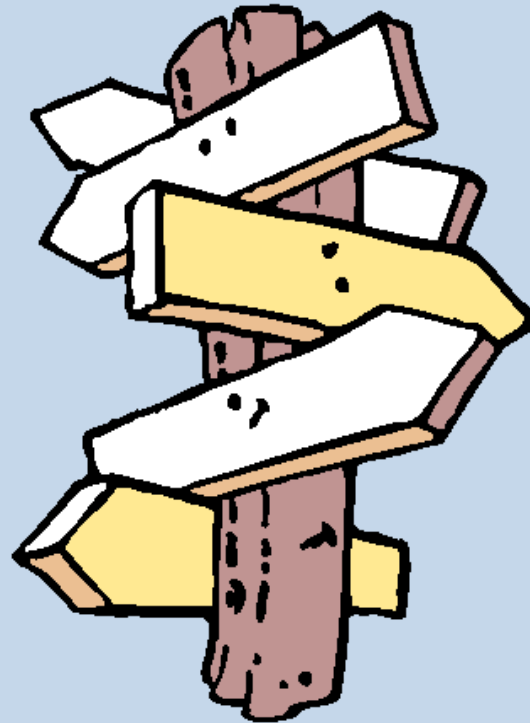
1 Corinthians 12:7



Protection

Guidance

Walk in Wisdom





# Protection

## Nehemiah



But I replied, “Should someone in my position run from danger? Should someone in my position enter the Temple to save his life? No, I won’t do it!” I realized that God had not spoken to him, but that he had uttered this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. They were hoping to intimidate me and make me sin. Then they would be able to accuse and discredit me.

Nehemiah 6:11-13

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit,  
but test the spirits to see whether they are  
from God, because many false prophets  
have gone out into the world.

1 John 4:1

# Guidance



Your word is a lamp for  
my feet,  
a light on my path.  
Psalm 119:105



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:2

# Walk in Wisdom





The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.”

1 Kings 3:10-12



Let the wise listen and add to their learning,  
and let the discerning get guidance.

Proverbs 1:5

The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge,  
for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Proverbs 18:15

# How do we get it?

- Pray – Ask God

“You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.” Luke 10:11-13



Exclusively Food

# How do we get it?

- Pray – Ask God
- Desire it

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:1



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- Be accountable and teachable

