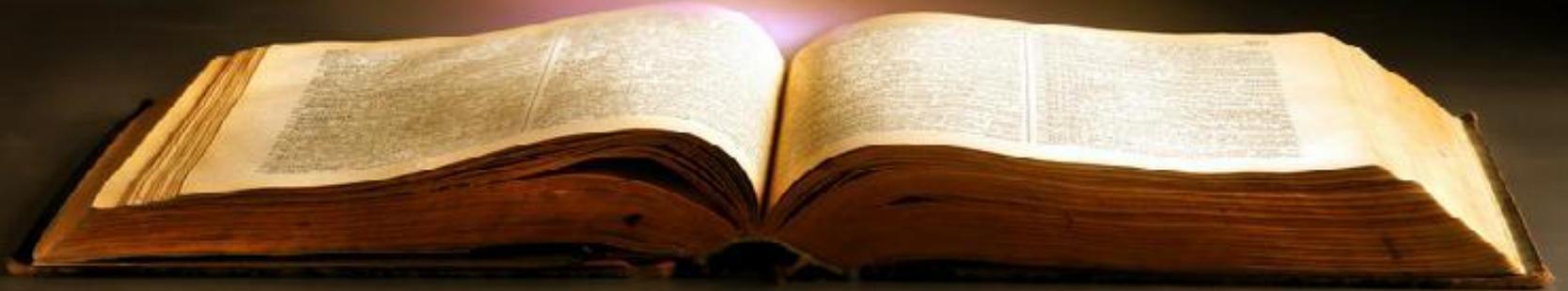


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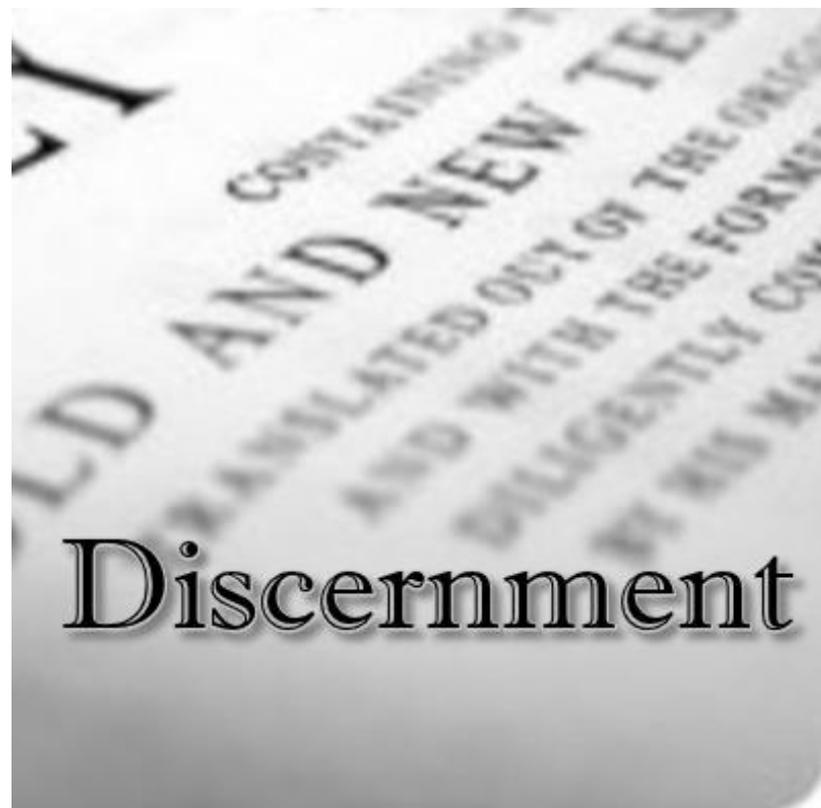
1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.



“the power or faculty of the mind, by which it distinguishes one thing from another, as truth from falsehood”

Discernment

- **Christians in danger of leaving the Lord**
 - Hebrews 6:1
 - Hebrews 2:1
- **Dullness of hearing and failure to mature exposed**



Discernment

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14

Discernment – Our Senses

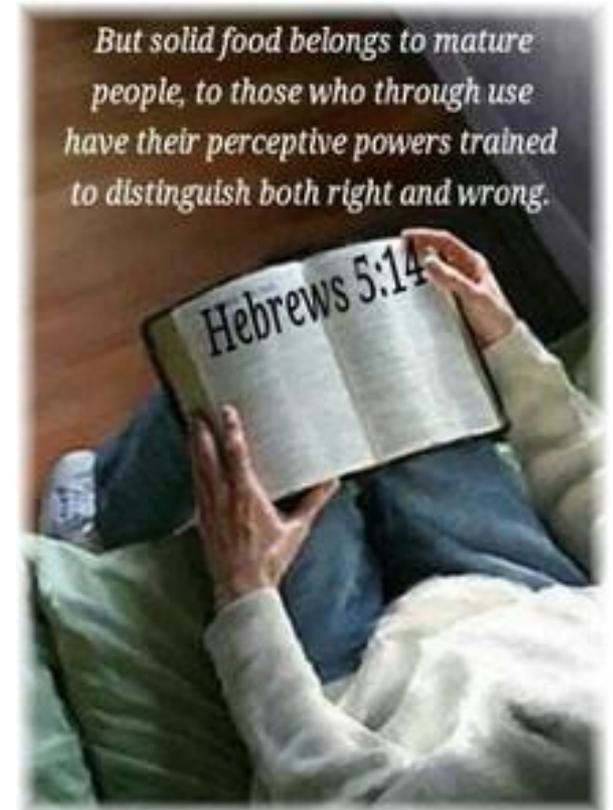
- **All five human senses have their spiritual counterparts**

- **Taste**

- 1 Peter 2:1-3
- Psalms 34:8

- **Hearing**

- Isaiah 55:3
- Revelation 2:7



Discernment – Our Senses

•Sight

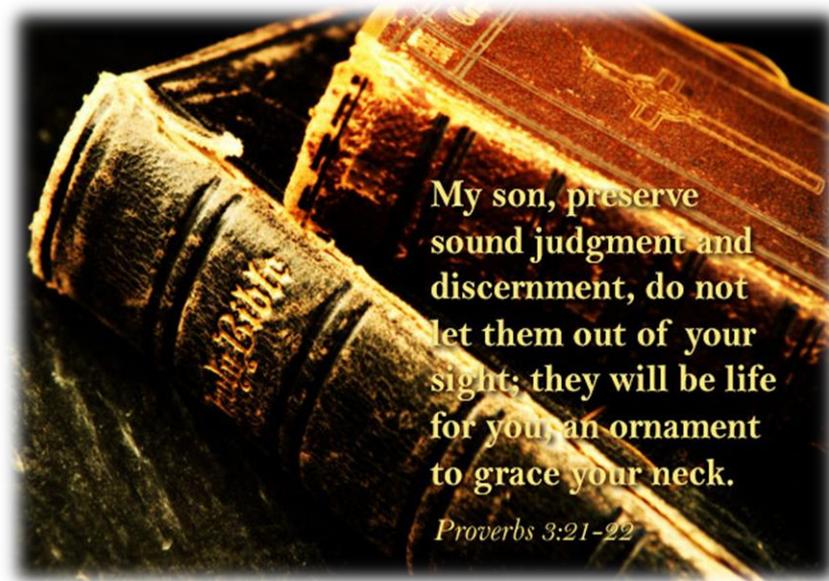
- Psalms 119:18
- Ephesians 1:18

•Smell

- Philippians 4:18
- 2 Corinthians 2:12-17

•Feeling

- 2 Kings 22:19
- Ephesians 4:18-19



Conclusion

- **The mature Christian is marked by their discernment**
- **Discernment is a critical measure of spiritual maturity**
- **Babes are weak in discernment and will accept any kind of spiritual food**

