

# Discipline of Spiritual Discernment

## *Lesson #3 “Defining Discernment”*

□ Read chapter 3 (pages 53-71) and answer the following questions.

- 1) Define Biblical discernment.
- 2) What was God’s purpose in the first nine chapters of the book of Proverbs?
- 3) “Truth comes \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the truth \_\_\_\_\_ later. And so we \_\_\_\_\_ know God’s \_\_\_\_\_ before we can \_\_\_\_\_ God’s will.”
- 4) Define Biblical wisdom.
- 5) “Wisdom is ... knowledge that \_\_\_\_\_ to a greater \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and how life is to be \_\_\_\_\_.”
- 6) What is the purpose of godly wisdom?
- 7) What is the difference between knowledge, wisdom and discernment?

8) “Discernment is \_\_\_\_\_ in black-and-white terms, drawing \_\_\_\_\_ lines  
\_\_\_\_\_ what is \_\_\_\_\_ and error, what is \_\_\_\_\_ and evil.”

9) Define understanding. (Strong’s #998)

10) Define skill. (Strong’s #8394)

11) What was the author’s definition for discernment?

**Quote:** “Discernment skillfully applies wisdom to real-life situations.” *Tim Challies*

**Quote:** “Discernment is “the ability to understand, interpret, and apply truth skillfully.” *John MacArthur*

“Discernment is the skill of understanding and applying God’s Word with the purpose of separating truth from error and right from wrong.” *Tim Challies*