Lesson #5 “The Heart of Discernment”

Read Chapter 4 and answer the following questions from pages 73-90.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

1) What is unpopular in our culture today? Why?

2) Define antimony.

3) What is caused by the sin of not exercising spiritual discernment?

4) What are we not to judge?

5) How do we sin by judging beyond what is written?

6) “the ability to see _________ the ___________ rather than the _________, means that humans are ____________ of ____________ judgments about matters of the heart and conscience.”

7) Why should we not pass judgment on the hearts of others?

8) How is one guilty of legalism?
9) What happens when we accept a teaching or doctrine?

10) What is the test and response of 1 Thessalonians 5:21-22?

11) What does the Greek word for ‘test’ mean in 1 Thessalonians 5:21?

12) We __________ rely on __________ to be __________ on ________ behalf. We cannot __________ on __________ to do this __________ for us.”

13) What are we commanded to test in 1 Thessalonians 5:21?

14) What did the author mean when he said we are to test everything but not try everything?

15) Any __________ to which we are _______________ is to be tested. Any __________ we face is to be tested. There __________ be no ________, no teaching, no __________ in the life of the Christian or in the __________ that has not been __________ tested or scrutinized.”

16) List the ‘Theological Triage.’

**Quote:** ‘The sin of judging is a root cause in most of the interpersonal conflicts that arise in the lives of believers, and so learning to identify and avoid this sin will go a long way toward promoting peace and joy in the body of Christ. *Dave Swavely*

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