

Discipline of Spiritual Discernment

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.”