Lesson #9 “The Dangers of Discernment”

Read Chapter 8 (pages 139-152) and answer the following questions.

Romans 16:19 For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil.

1) Why does the word discernment have a negative connotation to it?

2) One of the ________________ dangers of discernment is that ________ will ______________ so ________________ in what is __________ and ungodly that we __________ ourselves to ______________ immersed _____ it.

3) Why is it better to focus on what is true?

4) What is meant by “guilt by association” in a spiritual sense?

5) Why do people fall into the guilt by association trap?

6) What is meant by “honor by association?”

7) What happens when third-order doctrines are raised to first-order importance?
8) What is the significance of discernment taking a defensive approach to error?

9) What do we risk by trusting someone we do not know?

10) “We need to ___________ in the security of the ________________ guiding and ________________ ministry in our ________________ rather than in ____________________ ourselves ____________ views that ______ not always ____________ with ours.”

11) What one sin must we avoid as we mature in discernment?

12) What is considered the greatest danger to discernment?

13) What must we never allow in our eagerness to defend the truth?

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