Lesson #11 “The Practice of Discernment”

- Read Chapter 10 and answer the following questions from pages 163-173

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

1) What two questions are we to ask when we encounter a teaching or doctrine?

2) “As you __________ a teaching or ______________, be _________ to look ______________ the ______________ and __________ to the ultimate.”

3) What are we doing when we test a teaching?

4) What is our ‘light source’ against all teachings and doctrines?

5) Why do we pray in the discernment process?

6) Why do we need to examine our instincts?

7) Why do we not have to experience something to know if it is true or not?
8) What is a more reliable standard than our instincts and conscience?

9) What are we to do during the ‘observation’ stage of our discernment?

10) List the five steps of observation and explain each.

11) How can a reliable translation prove to be helpful?

12) What do you do after the investigation stage?

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