



Dear Partners,

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This month we will continue along the same lines of the April and May newsletters. We believe the subject of discernment and the Holy Spirit are vast and crucial to every believer. Discernment should not be overlooked or taken lightly in the times we're living in today. Spiritual, Godly discernment is not an elective but rather it is a necessary skill that every believer has the right to have and should practice on a daily basis.

The gift of discernment enables Christians to clearly distinguish between the influence of God, Satan, the world and the flesh. The church today needs this gift more than ever to be warned and warn other believers in times of danger and keep them from being led astray by any false teaching. Discernment is like the other physical senses; we may even say it is a sixth sense to believers. To some it is given in unusual measure as a special spiritual gift ([1 Cor. 12:10](#)), but some measure of it is essential for ALL believers and must be nourished continually.

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil. The only way the gift or gifts of the Spirit can be strengthened is by the feeding on solid food, (or the constant practice of) - the Word of God. By constantly feeding on the Word through reading, listening to and speaking It, we (and our spiritual gifts) can grow into that full maturity ...*so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes (Eph 4:14b ESV).*

Discernment is beneficial for the believer in many, many ways. It can help us test the spirits of false prophecy (1 John 4:1), distinguish between good and evil (1 Kings 3:9), discern the will of God in our lives (Romans 12:2), helps us accept the gifts, teachings and revelations of the Spirit of God (1 Cor. 2:14) and so many other ways.

In Philippians 1:9-10 part of Paul's prayer to people at Philippi is directed towards discernment: ***And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ...***

This is how verse 10 in the amplified Bible reads, ***So that you may surely learn to sense what is vital, and approve and prize what is excellent and of real value [recognizing the highest and the best, and distinguishing the moral differences], and that you may be untainted and pure and unerring and blameless [so that with hearts sincere and certain and unsullied, you may approach] the day of Christ [not stumbling nor causing others to stumble].***

Discernment helps us distinguish the moral differences of this world and be pure and blameless on the day of Christ, not stumbling or causing other people to stumble! Discernment keeps us out of trouble and keeps our neighbors out of trouble! We may even say that discernment and wisdom go hand in hand. When we are wise and possess the spirit of discernment, we know when to speak, when to keep quiet, when to correct someone, and when to accept correction. Discernment keeps us focused and in line with God and His perfect will for our everyday lives. **We can turn on discernment from our spirit man and filter everything through the Word and the Spirit of God. We don't have to be like sponges and absorb everything we see and hear around us but rather we need to be wise as serpents (Matthew 10:16), having our powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil (Hebrews 5:14).**

How do we train our powers of discernment constantly? By the DAILY washing of the Word of God. When we become more and more rooted in the Word of God, we begin to see and discern things from God's perspective. The Word begins to work on the inside of us and certain scriptures will come up from our spirit man for the situation that we find ourselves in. Our spiritual senses become sharper and sharper because the Word has been working on the inside (Hebrews 4:12).

Second Timothy 3:16 tells the believer how to be well-equipped for every good work through the Word of God: ***Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and profitable for instruction, for reproof and conviction of sin, for correction of error and discipline in obedience, [and] for training in righteousness (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action), So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work (AMP).***

When we are constantly yielding to the Spirit of God, our discernment is sharpened. We should desire the Wisdom of God and discernment daily and clothe ourselves with them as we do our shoes and clothes before we leave the house. We can be led by the Spirit of God everywhere we go. For example, John just returned from a short overseas trip to Sweden and while he was passing through Copenhagen to catch his flight, the Spirit of God led him to pray for a dear woman. He was on his way back to his hotel room when he saw a young woman from Taiwan with a severe limp in her walk. John passed her by at first and something caused him to stop. He approached her and asked if she wanted to be set free from her limp. She told him she was in severe pain and with her permission he took her hands and prayed a short prayer with her in the name of Jesus. He asked her how she felt and immediately she said the pain had left her! She started thanking John over and over but he told her to thank Jesus because He had been the One who healed her. She promised she would continue to pray to this Jesus from now on because she was supernaturally healed! Within seconds, during that short prayer of faith, being led by the supernatural power of the Spirit of God, that woman was completely healed! The next morning John found a letter from that dear woman at his hotel door and it reads:

Hi. This is an amazing day. Thanks God to let me meet you in Copenhagen. This is a very amazing thing in my life. Thanks God and you for fixing my legs. Need to say thanks again, again, again. And I wish you have a wonderful trip in your next journey. Thanks God and I will pray every day in future.

We leave you with the words of Apostle Paul from his letter to the Philippians 4:15-20. Our hearts desire and prayer is that every single word of these passages is extended to our dear partners. To those of you who share in our spreading of the Gospel, you are in partnership with us! You have a right to every single harvest that JMM reaps. Because you are partakers together with us!

And you Philippians yourselves know that...no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only...Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

In Christ,

John & Alexandra

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