

the duty of discernment

I. Discernment Defined

A. Webster:

1. The quality of being able to grasp or comprehend what is _____
2. Stresses the power to distinguish or select what is _____ or appropriate

B. Biblical:

1. Hebrew O.T. "bin" – means _____ or _____. To separate things from one another in order to make a _____.
2. Greek N.T.
 - a. diakrisis – a distinguishing, a clear discrimination; _____.
 - b. Anakrino – to distinguish; to separate out; to _____ (1 Thess. 5:21-22)

II. The Bereans (Acts 17:11)

The Bereans were more _____ than those in Thessalonica because they

- A. _____ the _____
- B. Received the Gospel with ready, engaged _____
- C. _____ what they heard by the _____

III. The Need for Discernment

- A. So that we will not be like little _____ carried away by every wind of _____ by the _____ of men (Eph. 4:14)
- B. For _____ (Heb. 5:11-14)
- C. To avoid _____ (Rom. 1:28-32)
- D. The last days will be marked by _____ (2 Tim. 4:3-4)