



the duty of discernment

I. What is Discernment?

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. Noun form: diakrisis – a distinguishing, a clear discrimination; _____
2. Verb form: anakrino – to distinguish; to _____

II. The Bereans

The Bereans were more _____ than those in Thessalonica because they

1. _____ the _____
2. Received the Gospel with ready _____.
3. Searched the _____ to see if what Paul and Silas were preaching was _____.

III. Why Do We Need Discernment?

A. So that we will not be _____ carried away by every wind of _____ by the _____ of men.

B. Because the last days will be marked by

1. false _____ and false _____
2. _____



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IV. Answering the Critics:

Criticism: Judge not (Matt. 7:1)

Answer: We are to judge within _____ (Matt. 7:6, 15-16; 18:16-18; John 7:24; 1 Cor. 5; 2 Tim. 4:10)

Criticism: Shouldn't _____

Answer: The _____ did! (2 Tim. 2:16-18; 4:10; 1 Tim. 1:18-20)

Criticism: Causing _____ in the church

Answer: _____ causes division (Romans 16:17)

Criticism: We should just follow the _____ of _____ (Acts 5:38-39).

Answer: This is bad advice for two reasons:

A. Gamaliel was not a _____

B. It is a logical fallacy because _____ religions _____.

Criticism: But aren't they _____?

Answer: _____ is not the issue. _____ is the issue!

V. Conclusion:

False teachers will _____ introduce destructive _____

The purpose of *A Call for Discernment* is to help equip you to speak the

_____ in _____ (Eph. 4:15).