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DISCERNMENT  
IS GODLINESS  
THAT IS  
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**PROVERBS 3:5-8**

# 1 TIMOTHY 4

<sup>7</sup> But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise *thyself* rather unto godliness.

<sup>8</sup> For bodily exercise profiteth little: *but* godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

<sup>9</sup> This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation.



**GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE**

# EPHESIANS 5

<sup>15</sup> Be very careful, then, how you live, not as unwise but as wise,

<sup>16</sup> making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

# HEBREWS 5

<sup>14</sup> But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

# MATTHEW 6

<sup>9</sup> "This, then, is how you should pray: "

'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.



**WE SHOULD PRACTICE  
DISCERNMENT**



# WHY PRACTICE DISCERNMENT?

# ISAIAH 55

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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**HELPS TO DETERMINE  
WHO WE FOLLOW**

# 1 JOHN 4

<sup>1</sup> Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.



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WHO WE FOLLOW**



**HELPS TO JUDGE PROPERLY**

# JOHN 7

**24 Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."**

# PHILIPPIANS 1

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,

<sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,



**HELPS TO JUDGE PROPERLY**



**HELPS TO MAKE  
SUCCESSFUL DECISIONS**

# PROVERBS 16

⁹ In their hearts humans plan their course,  
but the LORD establishes their steps.

# PROVERBS 3

- <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
- <sup>6</sup> in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.
- <sup>7</sup> Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil.
- <sup>8</sup> This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.



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