

HOLY BIBLE

Discerning God's Voice



¹⁵ See then that you walk
circumspectly, not as fools but
as wise,

Ephesians 5:15–17

16 *redeeming the time*, because
the days are evil.

¹⁷ Therefore *do not be unwise,*
but *understand what the will of*
the Lord is.

Knowing what the Lord
is saying is the single
most important thing
for a believer to
discern.

Second only to that is
actually doing what He
said.

Discernment = a wise
way of judging between
things, or a particularly
perceptive way of
seeing and understanding

Keys to Discernment:

Know what God has
already said.

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

Hebrews 5:12–14

13 For everyone who partakes *only* of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who *by reason of use* have their senses exercised to *discern both good and evil*.

Keys to Discernment:

Put into practice what
you have learned —
step out in
faith...often

⁴ “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But *the just shall live by his faith*.

Habakkuk 2:4

Keys to Discernment:

Seek God with a
confidence that you
can hear His voice.

²⁰ But you have an anointing
from the Holy One, and *you*
know all things.

1 John 2:20–21

21 I have not written to you
because you do not know the
truth, but ***because you know it,***
and that no lie is of the truth.

Keys to Discernment:

Seek with an open heart, ready to accept "no" for an answer.

38 Then He said to them, "*My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death*. Stay here and watch with Me."

Matthew 26:38–39

³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, *if it is possible*, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, *not as I will, but as You will.*"

Keys to Discernment:

Wait patiently for
clarity,

especially if your
emotions are charged.

³ *Trust in the LORD*, and do
good; *Dwell in the land*, and
feed on His faithfulness.

Psalm 37:3–8

⁴ *Delight yourself also in the*
LORD, And He shall give you the
desires of your heart.

⁵ *Commit your way to the LORD,*
Trust also in Him, And He shall
bring *it* to pass.

⁶ He shall bring forth your
righteousness as the light, And
your justice as the noonday.

⁷ *Rest in the LORD, and wait
patiently for Him*; Do not fret
because of him who prospers in
his way, Because of the man who
brings wicked schemes to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake
wrath; ***Do not fret***—*it* only
causes harm.

Keys to Discernment:

Seek out wise counsel.

¹⁴ Where *there is* no counsel, the people fall; But *in the multitude of counselors* there is safety.

Proverbs 11:14

Keys to Discernment:

Follow your peace.

15 For thus the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, has said, "***In repentance and rest you will be saved, In quietness and trust is your strength.***"

Isaiah 30:15