
DISCERNMENT

Description:

The gift of Discernment is the divine enablement to distinguish between truth and error. It is able to discern the spirits, differentiating between good and evil, right and wrong.

Distinctives: People with this gift...

- Distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, pure motives from impure
- Identify deception in others with accuracy and appropriateness
- Determine whether a word attributed to God is authentic message or interpretation
- Recognize inconsistencies in a teaching, prophetic message or interpretation
- Are able to sense the presence of evil

Traits:

- Perceptive
- Insightful
- Sensitive
- Intuitive
- Decisive
- Challenging
- Truthful

Cautions: People with this gift...

- May struggle with how to express their perceptions, feelings or insights
- Could be harsh when confronting others, instead of speaking the truth in love
- Need to confirm their perceptions before speaking

References:

[1 Corinthians 12:10](#)

[Acts 5:1-4](#)

[Matthew 16:21-23](#)

Definition taken from Network: Participants Manual, p. 77.