

“Discerning Truth from Error”

1 John 4:1-6

I. The _____ for discernment

I. The reason for discernment

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“As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known as one whom the Lord has truly sent”

Jeremiah 28:9

I. The reason for discernment

“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,

I. The reason for discernment

³ *you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.”*

Deuteronomy 13:1–3

II. The _____ for discernment

II. The basis for discernment

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“He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?””

Matthew 16:15

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“Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:3

III. The _____ of discernment

III. The benefit of discernment

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A. The believer is _____

III. The benefit of discernment

A. The believer is encouraged

III. The benefit of discernment

A. The believer is encouraged

B. The nonbeliever is _____

III. The benefit of discernment

A. The believer is encouraged

B. The nonbeliever is revealed

III. The benefit of discernment

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

1 John 2:15

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- A. The believer is encouraged
- B. The nonbeliever is revealed
- C. The truth is _____

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- A. The believer is encouraged
- B. The nonbeliever is revealed
- C. The truth is preserved

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