



**Series: Walking With God
Part 4/6**

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Walking with God | Knowing and Discerning the Voice and Will of God

PART IV: WISDOM + DISCERNMENT

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 4:12

key theme: As we hear God's voice through prayer + His Word, we need Godly Wisdom + Discernment to be able to understand how to apply His instructions to our life.

- 1) We must be able to use discernment when the pressures of life are placed upon us, especially in the areas of: provision, protection, and priority. These are basic human needs and if we are not careful, we will only do what the flesh desires or says it wants.
- 2) Discernment is not "just doing what makes sense" or doing the "opposite of what makes sense." It is the ability to distinguish God's voice + will in a situation. [Authenticating His Voice]
- 3) In order to walk in wisdom in discernment, you need:
 - a. A desire to please God no matter what the circumstances
 - b. A humble heart before God; willing to be trained according to the wisdom that is from above.
 - c. Boldness to hear God's voice and obey.
- 4) How Do Exercise Godly Wisdom + Discernment?
 - a. **Walk by the Spirit** – 1 Cor. 2:9-15; You cannot have wisdom without the Holy Spirit.
 - b. **Allow Your Mind to Be Renewed** – Romans 12:2; Meditating on the Word of God; Paying attention to what you allow to come into your Spirit.
 - c. **Test Decisions Against the Plain Instruction of The Word** – 2 Timothy 2:15; Literal, Plain-Meaning + Context.
 - d. **Test Decisions Against the Virtues of Godly Wisdom** – James 3:17 – The Wisdom from above is pure; peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

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