

Wisdom to Increase Discernment

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A Wellspring of Life (Prov. 16:22)

I. What is Discernment?

- The skill of thinking biblically about the issues of life
- The ability to decide wisely between truth and error, between right and wrong
- The process of making discriminating judgments and seeing the moral implications

II. How to Increase Discernment

- A. Focus on the Source of wisdom (Prov. 8:5, 14, 35, 36)
- B. Focus on the Fear of the Lord (Prov. 1:7; 9:10; 14:27)
- C. Focus on the Word of God (Prov. 2:1-6)
- D. Focus on Prayer (Psa. 119:125)

Issues for Thought: Why/how should discernment be exercised in the following. What biblical principles are applicable?

1. Companionships (who you hang out with)
2. Entertainment (books, internet stuff, activities, etc.)
3. Dating relationships
4. Sabbath activities