

DISCERNMENT –

1 Cor 2:14,15 - The natural man does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God. For they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments.

DEFINED:

The ability through keen instinct to judge between good and evil.

Distinguish between spiritually moral influences of right and wrong.

To Grasp and comprehend what is obscure.

“A man who knows **what** to do, will always be the servant of the man who knows **WHY!**”

See things as they really are, not as they appear, or as you wish them to be.

It allows us to see things that are not visible and feel things that are not tangible, while we ourselves do not live by our sight or by our feelings.

Requirements:

1. **Be born again** (spiritual fools reject salvation)

Psalm 14:1 - The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God

1 Cor 1:21 - in the wisdom of God, the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

John 5:39 - You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me

Acts 5:38,39 - So in the present case I advise you: Leave these men alone. Let them go! For if their purpose or endeavor is of human origin, it will fail. 39But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop them. You may even find yourselves fighting against God.”

2. **Know the word.** (read it, listen to it, study in groups)

Hosea 4:6 - my people are destroyed from lack of knowledge. "Because you have rejected knowledge, I also reject you as my priests; because you have ignored the law of your God, I also will ignore your children.

Prov 28:9 – if anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even their prayers are detestable.

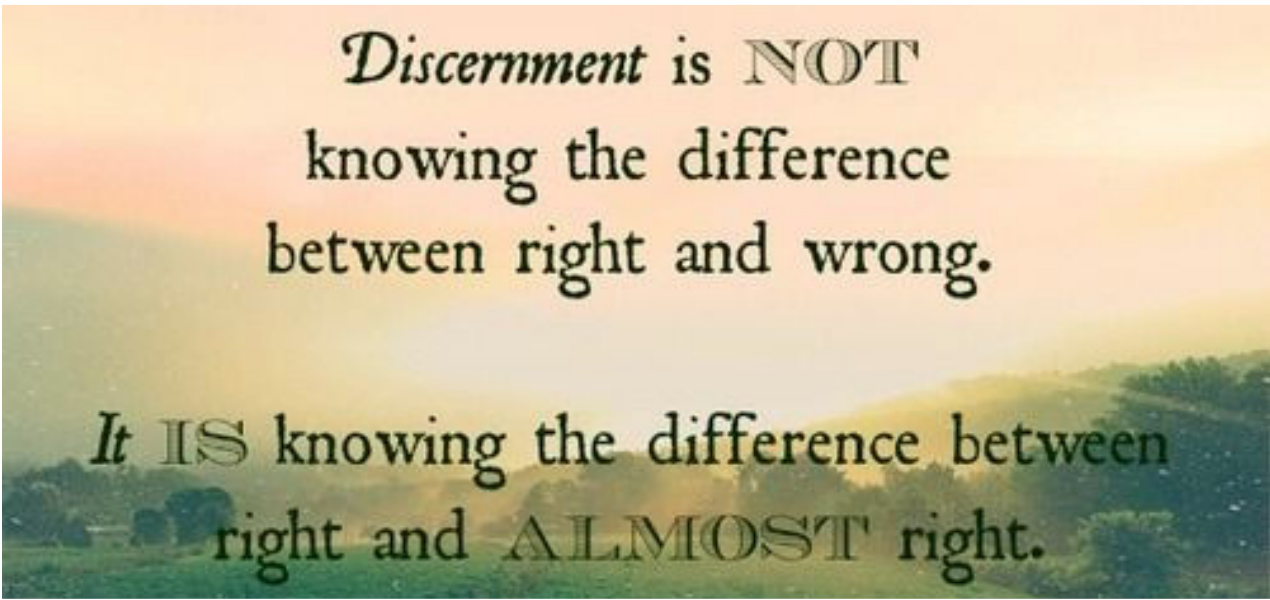
3. **Experienced Christian maturity.** Not swayed by feelings and emotions.

Emotional self-awareness embraces our strengths and weaknesses and does not confuse mine with yours. (maturity moves beyond blame) a victim is always immature, while a victor learns, grows, concurs. “If you are walking wounded, you will see through that lens” 2 Cor 5:7 - For we live by faith, not by sight.

4. Served in leadership (takes responsibility for outcomes of situations)

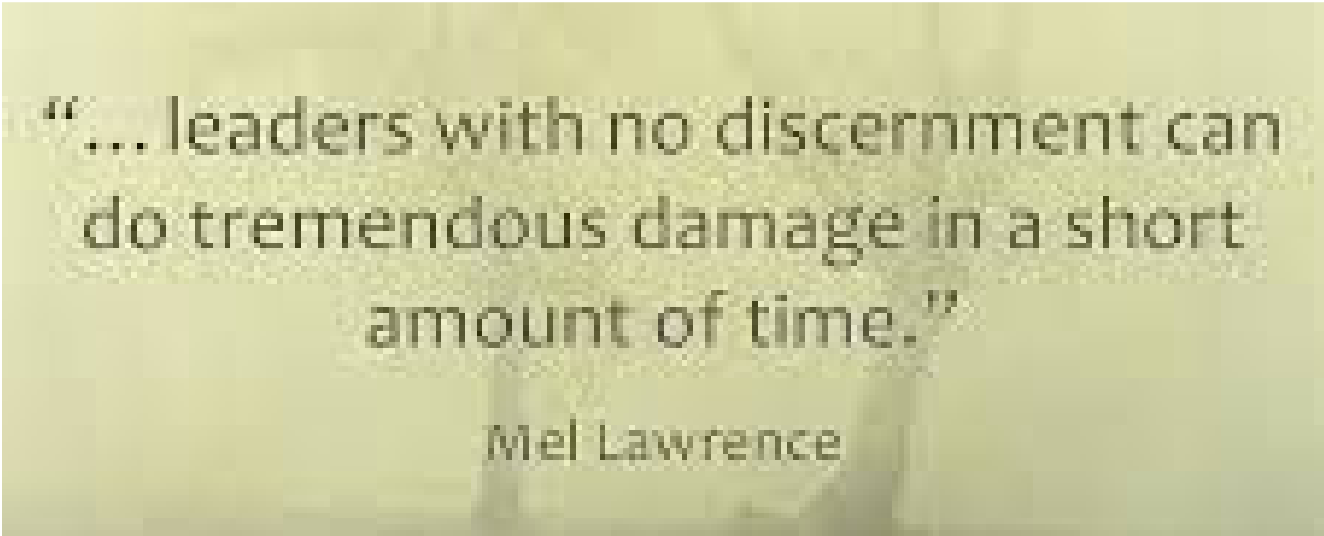
Eph 4:11 - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

¹³ Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:¹⁴ That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things.



Discernment is NOT
knowing the difference
between right and wrong.

It IS knowing the difference between
right and ALMOST right.



“... leaders with no discernment can
do tremendous damage in a short
amount of time.”

Mel Lawrence