**Psalms 1:1-3 ESV** ***Blessed*** *is the man who* ***walks not*** *in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of* ***sinners****, nor sits in the seat of* ***scoffers;*** *2 but his* ***delight is in the law of the LORD****,* *and* ***on his law he meditates*** *day and night 3* ***He is like a tree planted by streams of water*** *that* ***yields its fruit in its season****,* ***and its leaf does not wither****.*  ***In all that he does, he prospers****.*

**Proverbs 1:7 NIV** *The* ***fear of the LORD*** *is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

**Psalm 119:105** *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*.

Discernment is accurately evaluating ourselves, other people, and situations.

**1 Thessalonians 5:21-22** *"But* ***examine everything carefully****;* ***hold fast to that which is good****; 22* ***abstain from every form of evil."***

**1 John 4:1** *"****Do not believe every spirit****, but* ***test*** *the spirits* ***to see whether they are from God****; because many false prophets have gone out into the world"*

**John 16:13** *When the Spirit of truth comes,* ***he will guide you into all the truth****, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.*

**Charles Spurgeon** “Discernment is not a matter of simply telling the difference between right and wrong; rather, it is telling the difference between right and almost right.

**Romans 12:1-2** “*I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God,* ***to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship****. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but* ***be transformed by the renewal of your mind****, that by testing* ***you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”***

This is the gift of discernment that not only distinguishes truth from lies, but it also recognizes the spiritual forces at work behind the issue.

**The true mark of character is when we lead by example.**

**What work has God called you to do?**

Thanking God after he has done something is gratitude. Thanking him before it is done is faith!