

Transformation Requires Discernment

D.A.R.E. to be Transformed

Scripture Reading: *Psalm 119:33-40*

Introduction:

- A. “**IF YOU HIT THIS SIGN, YOU WILL HIT THAT BRIDGE**” — a sign encouraging discernment.
- B. To **discern** is “to perceive by the sight or some other sense; to recognize or apprehend; to distinguish mentally; to recognize the true value of a thing or opportunity.”
- C. God has blessed me with the **ability** to discern and expects me to **use** that ability (*Rom. 12:1-2*).
- D. What is the end goal of my God-given ability to discern? (*Rom. 11:36*).

1. _____ God — *Philippians 3:7-11*.

2. _____ God — *Psalm 73:23-26*.

3. _____ God — *John 14:15*.

4. _____ God — *2 Corinthians 3:2-3*.

E. Living a God-centered, Christ-saturated, Spirit-led life begins with my willingness to discern.

I. God’s Revelation of Himself to Mankind

- A. Creation continues to powerfully reveal the glory and handiwork of God (*Psa. 19:1*).
- B. But God’s design is that the clearest and most authoritative revelation of himself on this side of death is through his written Word—the Bible. Books require discernment!
- C. The Bible’s compelling **invitation** to discernment
 - 1. *Proverbs 2* — from the LORD’s mouth come knowledge and understanding.
 - 2. *Ephesians 5* — do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

II. What is God’s Will For My Life?

- A. S- _____ (*2 Pet. 3:9*).
- B. S- _____ (*1 Thes. 4:3*).
- C. S- _____ (*1 Pet. 4:1-2*).
- D. S- _____ (*2 Cor. 8:1-5*).

III. God’s Will Made Personal and Practical For You

- A. To the disciple of Christ—*Hebrews 5:14*.
- B. To the man or woman who is alienated from God—*Hebrews 4:11-13*.