

Training Our Powers of Discernment

- A. We spent time last week exploring the foundations of a victorious mindset from *1 John 5:1-5*...
1. Believing that Jesus is the Christ
 2. Being born again
 3. Loving God
 4. Obeying God's commandments
 5. Knowing his commandments are not burdensome
- B. ...developing a victorious mindset towards people, worship, evangelism, and personal commitment.
- C. In one word, our entire series was all about _____ ("my view of the world and how the things of this world relate to one another").
- D. Connecting the dots:
1. My Creator wants me to have an _____ perspective (*1 John 5:1-5; 1 Cor 15:57; Phil 4:13*)
 2. My perspective is shaped by my ability and willingness to _____ ("to perceive, to distinguish mentally, to recognize the true value of a person, place, thing, or opportunity")
 3. When I read God's word, I'm not only discerning, I'm being discerned! (*Heb 4:12-13*)
 4. Since we don't always discern as we should, our perspective suffers (*Heb 5:11-14*)
- E. If I don't have the victorious mindset available in Jesus, what needs attention?

Pathway #1:

I allow myself to become "_____ of hearing"

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I tune out the most basic principles of God's oracles

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There is very little of anything significant "standing _____" me

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I am unskilled in the word of righteousness

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I am _____ in my discernment of purpose, way, and end

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I frequently fail to distinguish good from evil

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I neglect to _____ my faith with others

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I fall in disobedience

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I fail to enter the _____ of God

Pathway #2:

I hear and _____ with a good and honest heart

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I progress from the fundamentals of the faith to "solid food"

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What is increasingly "standing under" me leads to _____

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I develop skill in the word of righteousness

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I _____ in my discernment of purpose, way, and end

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I distinguish good from evil by constant practice

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I _____ share my faith with others

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I walk by faith in obedience

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I am _____ to enter the rest of God