

1 Chronicles 12:32
"Developing
Discernment"
1 Cor 2:6-16

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Lancaster Baptist Church

1. Introduction

- a. 1 Chron 12:19-40 Many individuals from 12 tribes of Israel
 - they joined David's army when David ruled in Hebron (1 Chron 11:1-3)
- b. Philistines gave Ziklag to Hebron
- c. Hebron in southern Judea

2. Spiritual Discernment Defined

- a. Divine skill of separating God's ways from human ways
 - Greek word sophia
 - * knowledge of wisdom
- b. Paul spoke wisdom among mature Christians
 - wisdom from God as a hidden mystery
 - God has revealed God's wisdom by His Spirit
 - rulers of this world did not know God's wisdom
- c. Human wisdom does not receive things of God's Spirit (natural man)
 - foolishness to him
- d. Discernment (judging)
 - Mt 7:1-5 Don't judge... remove log out of your own eye before removing other's speck

3. Spiritual Discernment Desired
- a. 1 Kings 3:3-9 King Solomon's prayer is for understanding heart to rule Israel
 - to discern between good & evil
 - Heb 5:14 strong meat of Scripture belongs to Christians of full age (mature)
 - * senses exercised to discern both good & evil
 - b. Shema heart - understanding
 - heart to hear & obey what God says
 - c. Shema of Israel
 - "Hear O Israel. The Lord is our God: the Lord is one." (Deut 6:4-9)

4. Spiritual Discernment Developed
- a. Acts 17:10-12 Bereans more noble
 - b. Receive the Word of God eagerly & willingly, searching daily
 - c. Get into Scriptures daily
 - d. Determine Christian doctrine before any crisis
 - 1 Pet 3:15 ready always to give an answer to everyone asking you the reason of hope
 - e. Get Godly counsel
 - f. Beware (be careful) of anything "new" or "some new thing"
 - Acts 17:21 Athenians to tell or hear "some new thing"
 - g. Exercise the truth that you do know