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Discernment

How much of that do you have? How much of what do I have? **How much discernment do you have?** Is this a trick question? **No, it is not a trick question.** Well, the answer is obvious for both you and me. **It is obvious to me. I'm checking on you. Tell me your thoughts.** On my own, without your help, I have very little discernment. That may even be an understatement. Correction, that is a dramatic understatement. At times, I am quite dense. **How so?** I don't see what I need to see. I don't get what I need to get. I make dumb decisions and stupid mistakes. I wander into difficulty. I drift away from you. Without your discernment, my life has no hope of staying on course. I desperately need your discernment to keep my life on track. **Yes, you do, there is no doubt about that. I am glad that we agree.**

So, it is my prayer that you will give me discernment. **What will my discernment do for you?** Your discernment will help me to know and do your will. Your discernment will help me to see your work in the world around me. **Why is that important?** I know that you want me to join you in the work that you are doing all around me. Without your discernment, I would not recognize your activity in the world. Without, your discernment I have and will continue to run off in a hundred different directions, bouncing from one thing to another, doing what will amount to no value. It is your discernment that will make me fruitful as your servant in this world. It is your discernment that will bless my life so that I can be blessing to others in ways that will bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. This is what I want. This is my desire. This is my prayer. Give me discernment so that I can serve you well. **I will hear and answer this prayer of yours. You will receive discernment from me.** Thank you, Lord,

Lord, often I cannot see what I need to see. Frequently, I am oblivious to your working in the world around me. Use your word to give me discernment. Use your word to guide my path through life. Use your word to help to think, speak and act rightly and justly. Amen

Promises*Give Me Discernment*

I have done what is righteous and just; do not leave me to my oppressors. Ensure your servant's well-being; let not the arrogant oppress me. My eyes fail, looking for your salvation, looking for your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your love and teach me your decrees. I am your servant; give me discernment that I may understand your statutes. It is time for you to act, O LORD; your law is being broken. Because I love your commands more than gold, more than pure gold, and because I consider all your precepts right, I hate every wrong path.

NIV

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Me Understanding*

I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. Give your servant a pledge of good; let not the insolent oppress me. My eyes long for your salvation and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. I am your servant; give me understanding, that I may know your testimonies! It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken. Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold. Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way.

ESV

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Discernment To Me*

Don't leave me to the mercy of my enemies, for I have done what is just and right. Please guarantee a blessing for me. Don't let the arrogant oppress me! My eyes strain to see your rescue, to see the truth of your promise fulfilled. I am your servant; deal with me in unflinching love, and teach me your decrees. Give discernment to me, your servant; then I will understand your laws. LORD, it is time for you to act, for these evil people have violated your instructions. Truly, I love your commands more than gold, even the finest gold. Each of your commandments is right. That is why I hate every false way.

NLT

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Me Understanding*

I have done justice and righteousness; Do not leave me to my oppressors. Be surety for Your servant for good; Do not let the godless take advantage of me. My eyes fail *from seeking* Your salvation And Your righteous word. Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy, And teach me Your statutes. I *am* Your servant; Give me understanding, That I may know Your testimonies. *It is time for You* to act, O LORD, *For* they have regarded Your law as void. Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold! Therefore all *Your* precepts *concerning* all *things* I consider *to be* right; I hate every false way.

NKJV

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Me Understanding*

I have done what is just and right; do not leave me to my oppressors. Guarantee your servant's well-being; do not let the godless oppress me. My eyes fail from watching for your salvation, and for the fulfillment of your righteous promise. Deal with your servant according to your steadfast love, and teach me your statutes. I am your servant; give me understanding, so that I may know your decrees. It is time for the LORD to act, for your law has been broken. Truly I love your commandments more than gold, more than fine gold. Truly I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.

NRSV

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Understand What That Means*

I stood up for justice and the right; don't leave me to the mercy of my oppressors. Take the side of your servant, good God; don't let the godless take advantage of me. I can't keep my eyes open any longer, waiting for you to keep your promise to set everything right. Let your love dictate how you deal with me; teach me from your textbook on life. I'm your servant—help me understand what that means, the inner meaning of your instructions. It's time to act, GOD; they've made a shambles of your revelation! Yea-Saying God, I love what you command, I love it better than gold and gemstones; Yea-Saying God, I honor everything you tell me, I despise every deceitful detour.

MSG

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Me Understanding*

I have done justice and righteousness; leave me not to those who would oppress me. Be surety for Your servant for good [as Judah was surety for the safety of Benjamin]; let not the proud oppress me. My eyes fail, watching for Your salvation and for the fulfillment of Your righteous promise. Deal with Your servant according to Your mercy *and* loving-kindness, and teach me Your statutes. I am Your servant; give me understanding (discernment and comprehension), that I may know (discern and be familiar with the character of) Your testimonies. It is time for the Lord to act; they have frustrated Your law. Therefore I love Your commandments more than [resplendent] gold, yes, more than [perfectly] refined gold. Therefore I esteem as right all, yes, all Your precepts; I hate every false way.

AMP

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Me Common Sense*

Don't leave me to the mercy of my enemies, for I have done what is right; I've been perfectly fair. Commit yourself to bless me! Don't let the proud oppress me! My eyes grow dim with longing for you to fulfill your wonderful promise to rescue me. Lord, deal with me in loving-kindness, and teach me, your servant, to obey; for I am your servant; therefore give me common sense to apply your rules to everything I do. Lord, it is time for you to act. For these evil men have violated your laws, while I love your commandments more than the finest gold. Every law of God is right, whatever it concerns. I hate every other way.

TLB

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NASB

Psalm 119:121-128

Promises*Give Me Wisdom*

I have done what is fair and right. Don't leave me to those who wrong me. Promise that you will help me, your servant. Don't let proud people wrong me. My eyes are tired from looking for your salvation and for your good promise. Show your love to me, your servant, and teach me your demands. I am your servant. Give me wisdom so I can understand your rules. LORD, it is time for you to do something, because people have disobeyed your teachings. I love your commands more than the purest gold. I respect all your orders, so I hate lying ways.

NCV

Psalm 119:121-128

Give Discernment To Me

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Psalm 119:121-128

In Context: *Read Psalm 119*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

What place of honor and value does God's word have in your life?

How has God's word blessed your life as you allowed Him to teach you what is right and just?

How has God's word helped you to understand how much He loves you?

When have you seen a wonderful promise from God's word fulfilled in your life?

When has God's word given you discernment to know what you could have not known by yourself?

How has discernment from God's word directed you away from evil and tempting situations?

How has discernment from God's word directed you along the path that He has called you to walk?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Receive God's word into your life so that you will have all the discernment He wants to give you.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God will use His word to give you discernment in how to live your life.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group when God's word has given you powerful and timely discernment.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow God's word to give you discernment to guide your life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, give me discernment so I can know how you want me to live.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you use your word today to give me discernment?
