

Discernment to Know What is Right

Having come to the revelation that we're in charge of our lives and our decision-making because we are imagers,¹ and that this authority requires us to partner with our Creator to impact the Earth for him, how do we know what's right? The burden is on each one of us to make righteous decisions and choices so they are not out of alignment with Heaven, so the onus is on us to find out how to do it.

The standard Christian answer for that is to read the Bible. However, the scriptures don't tell us about life in the 21st Century, and there's also the problem of slipping into OC ideas rather than NC ones, which are the only ones relevant to us.

The NT actually has the answer to the question: Holy Spirit is our teacher and guide, and he'll lead us into all truth. This is the same Spirit which filled Jesus of Nazareth with wisdom (Heaven's wisdom). So it's the Spirit who provides us with the guidance into knowing what's right, not the contents of a book.

In addition, there's discernment to know what's right. That's not a specific gift given to special people, but an outworking of the presence of the Spirit in our lives when we allow him to have pre-eminence in our decision-making. In that regard, Paul actually wanted the believers he connected with to "abound more and more in knowledge and discernment".

To oversee our lives and manage them righteously², we need to control our mind, not let our mind control us. This requires us to monitor our thoughts and to see if fear is operating in any way. A mind out of control and in chaos can't bring about the right management of our lives. The imperative for this mind-control is that the enemy uses our mind to influence us because he has no power against imagers. Of course, bringing our mind, as well as our soul, under subjection to our spirit and Holy Spirit is something we need to master to be effective in this. This will ensure our peace and tranquillity to be about our life as sons.

The information on decision-making has recently been encapsulated in this message from Father:

*"Pay no attention to the confusion that swirls around you. Silence the turmoil that disturbs your peace of mind, and come to Me in Spirit. Seek My face for truth and clarity. **Come to the place of spiritual discernment so that you can know right from wrong; good from evil. Only then can you do what is right.**"³*

You see, our authority to make decisions and control our lives is one of the components that must be included in everything we surrender to the King. But, that doesn't make us a puppet that he then controls. Our surrender is to his authority and to defer to him as King whenever he interacts in our lives with wisdom, knowledge and discernment – after all, he knows best. Our task, then, is to learn from him so we can make righteous decisions and rule our lives as kings in a better way for him.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

1 – “Is God in Total Control?” canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Is-God-in-Total-Control.pdf

2 – The way Father wants us to do it (What's right in his eyes).

3 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (November 22, 2021) www.ft111.com/straws2021.htm