

# 1 Kings 3:9

Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

# Proverbs 19:25

Strike a scoffer, and the simple will become wary; Rebuke one who has understanding, *and* he will discern knowledge.

# Ezekiel 44:23

And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

# Malachi 3:18

Then you shall again discern  
Between the righteous and the  
wicked, Between one who serves  
God And one who does not serve  
Him.

# Scripture Reading

**Hebrews 5:12-6:3**



# Discerning the Difference

## ***Hebrew 5:14***

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

## ***Isaiah 5:20***

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;  
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;  
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!



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## ***Matthew 21:24-25***

**But Jesus answered and said to them, "I also will ask you one thing, which if you tell Me, I likewise will tell you by what authority I do these things: The baptism of John — where was it from? From heaven or from men?"**

## ***Mark 7:8-13***

For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men — the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do."

He said to them, "*All too* well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition. For Moses said, '*Honor your father and your mother*'; and, '*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*' But you say, 'If a man says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me *is* Corban" — ' (that is, a gift *to God*), then you no longer let him do anything for his father or his mother, making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do."

## ***Acts 5:29***

But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

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## ***Ecclesiastes 7:1***

A good name *is* better than precious ointment

## ***2 Peter 1:5-7***

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

## ***Galatians 5:22-23***

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

## ***John 1:46***

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

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## ***James 2:24, 26***

**You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. ... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

## ***James 2:18-20***

But someone will say, "You have faith, and I have works." Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe — and tremble!

## ***Hebrews 10:39***

But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

## ***Hebrews 5:9***

**And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him**

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## ***Romans 14:23***

**But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.**

## ***Acts 23:1***

**Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."**

## ***Acts 26:9***

Indeed, I myself thought I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

## ***1 Timothy 1:12-13***

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief.

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## ***John 20:30-31***

**And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.**



## ***Hebrews 2:3-4***

How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed to us by those who heard *Him*. God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

## ***1 Corinthians 13:8-10***

Love never fails. But whether *there are* prophecies, they will fail; whether *there are* tongues, they will cease; whether *there is* knowledge, it will vanish away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect has come, then that which is in part will be done away.

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## ***Galatians 5:19-21***

Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

## ***Romans 4:2-4***

For if Abraham was justified by works, he has *something* to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? *"Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness."* Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt.

## ***Titus 3:4-5***

**But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit**

## ***James 2:20-24***

But do you want to know, O foolish man, that faith without works is dead? Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered Isaac his son on the altar? Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect? And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" And he was called the friend of God.

## ***Revelation 20:12-13***

And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.



## ***Philippians 2:12-13***

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

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## ***1 Corinthians 15:22***

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

## ***Ephesians 2:1***

And you *He made* alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins

## ***Luke 9:60***

**Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God."**

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