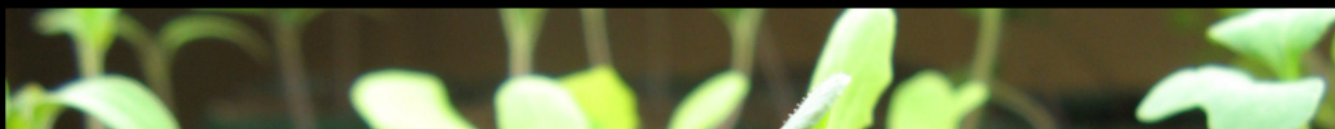




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WE NEED

2 PETER







Firmly Established (2:12)

Discernment

The ability to see with the mind of Christ

The active, shrewd application of wisdom and faith to see what is really happening in any situation, understanding its:

- Nature (what are we like?)
- Diagnostics (how will it function?)
- Consequence (what will be its end?)

Without **Discernment** we are:

"...nearsighted and blind..."

Lit: "Blind he is, nearsightedly forgetful..."

2 Peter 1:9

"nearsighted" - Greek word only used once in the New Testament

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2 Peter 3:9

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Godliness requires discernment.

2 parts of discerning corruption:

1. Discerning vanity and sensuality:

they are dead giveaways of
worldliness, corruption and
the flesh.

2. Discerning human vulnerability:

All humans are always
vulnerable to be deceived
and become deceivers.

"...This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desires of the flesh, and despise authority." (2:10)

1. Discern from the signals of vanity and sensuality

sensuality reduces us to beasts

2 Peter 2:18-19

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2. Discern from the fact of human vulnerability

"...they seduce **the unstable**..." 2 Peter 2:14

"...entice people who are **just escaping** error..." 2 Peter 2:18

"**have escaped** the corruption of the world...and are
again entangled and overcome..." 2 Peter 2:20





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