

# PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL

FOLLOWING THE PATH TO ETERNAL LIFE



**ABOUNDING IN  
DISCERNMENT**



# DISCERNMENT: DEFINED

- **DICTIONARY DEFINITION**

- *The Ability To Distinguish*

The power to see what is not evident to the average mind.

**Discernment** stresses accuracy.

- *Good Judgment*



# DISCERNMENT: DEFINED

- **CONTEXTUALLY:**

- *Spiritual Discernment*

**CF. MATT. 23:23**

- *What/Who To Love or Not Love*

**1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 2:15**



# ABOUNDING IN DISCERNMENT

- KNOW GOD'S WORD THOROUGHLY

- *Profitable For Us, If So*

2<sup>ND</sup> TIM. 3:16, 17

- *The Means To Avoiding Sin*

MATT. 22:27-39; JOHN 13:34;  
PSA. 119:11



# ABOUNDING IN DISCERNMENT

- DON'T TRUST FEELINGS ALONE

- *The Heart Is Deceptive*

JER. 17:9; PROV. 28:26

- *There Is A Way That Seems Right, But...*

PROV. 16:25



# ABOUNDING IN DISCERNMENT

- TEST EVERYTHING

- *Recognize the Fruits Produced*

MATT. 7:15-19

- *Especially In Spiritual Matters*

1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 4:1; 2<sup>ND</sup> PET. 2:1, 2;  
ACTS 17:11



# ABOUNDING IN DISCERNMENT

- **PRAY**

- *For Wisdom*

**JAMES 1:5**

- *For Guidance*

**PSALM 143:8**



# THE VALUE OF DISCERNMENT

- HELPS US AVOID DECEPTION

- *Exposing Counterfeits*

**GALATIANS 1:6-9**

- *Accuracy Matters!*

**GAL. 3:16; MATT. 16:18**





# THE VALUE OF DISCERNMENT

- HELPS IN DECISION-MAKING
- *Avoiding Unforeseen Consequences*
- *Making Right And Wise Choices*

**GENESIS 13:10, 11**



# THE VALUE OF DISCERNMENT

- GIVES US MORE OPPORTUNITIES

- *For Compassion*

LUKE 10:25-37; 1<sup>ST</sup> JOHN 3:17

- *To Tell Others the Good News*

ACTS 17:16, 17

