



GREATER HARVEST BAPTIST CHURCH

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**CYBER BIBLE STUDY**  
**WEDNESDAYS AT 7PM**



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# CYBER SERIES: “USE THE WORD”





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TONIGHT'S LESSON:

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# DISCERNMENT



A group of children and an adult are gathered together, all with their hands clasped in prayer. The children are of various ages, some looking down and others looking forward. They are wearing casual clothing like t-shirts and dresses. The background is a simple wall with a window. The text "LET US PRAY" is overlaid in large blue letters across the center of the image.

LET US PRAY



# OUR BIBLE STUDY GOAL:

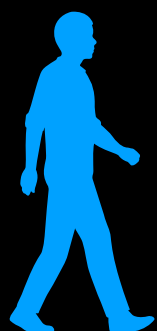




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# Living a Life Pleasing unto God.

**Walking in Righteousness, Becoming a better  
Christian by following God's word.**



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LUKE 1:37 "FOR NO WORD FROM GOD WILL EVER FAIL"



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# DISCERNMENT



# dis·cern·ment

/di'sərnmənt/ 

*noun*

1. the ability to judge well.  
"an astonishing lack of discernment"
2. (in Christian contexts) perception in the absence of judgment with a view to obtaining spiritual direction and understanding.  
"without providing for a time of healing and discernment, there will be no hope of living through this present moment without a shattering of our common life"




**WHY IS DISCERNMENT  
IMPORTANT?**



Be able to discern  
your Judas from  
your Peter... Peter  
had a bad day,  
Judas had a bad  
heart. Peter you  
restore, Judas you  
release.



A portrait of Charles Spurgeon, a man with a full beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a bow tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera.

Discernment is  
not knowing the  
difference  
between right  
and wrong. It  
is knowing the  
difference  
between right  
and almost  
right.

Spurgeon

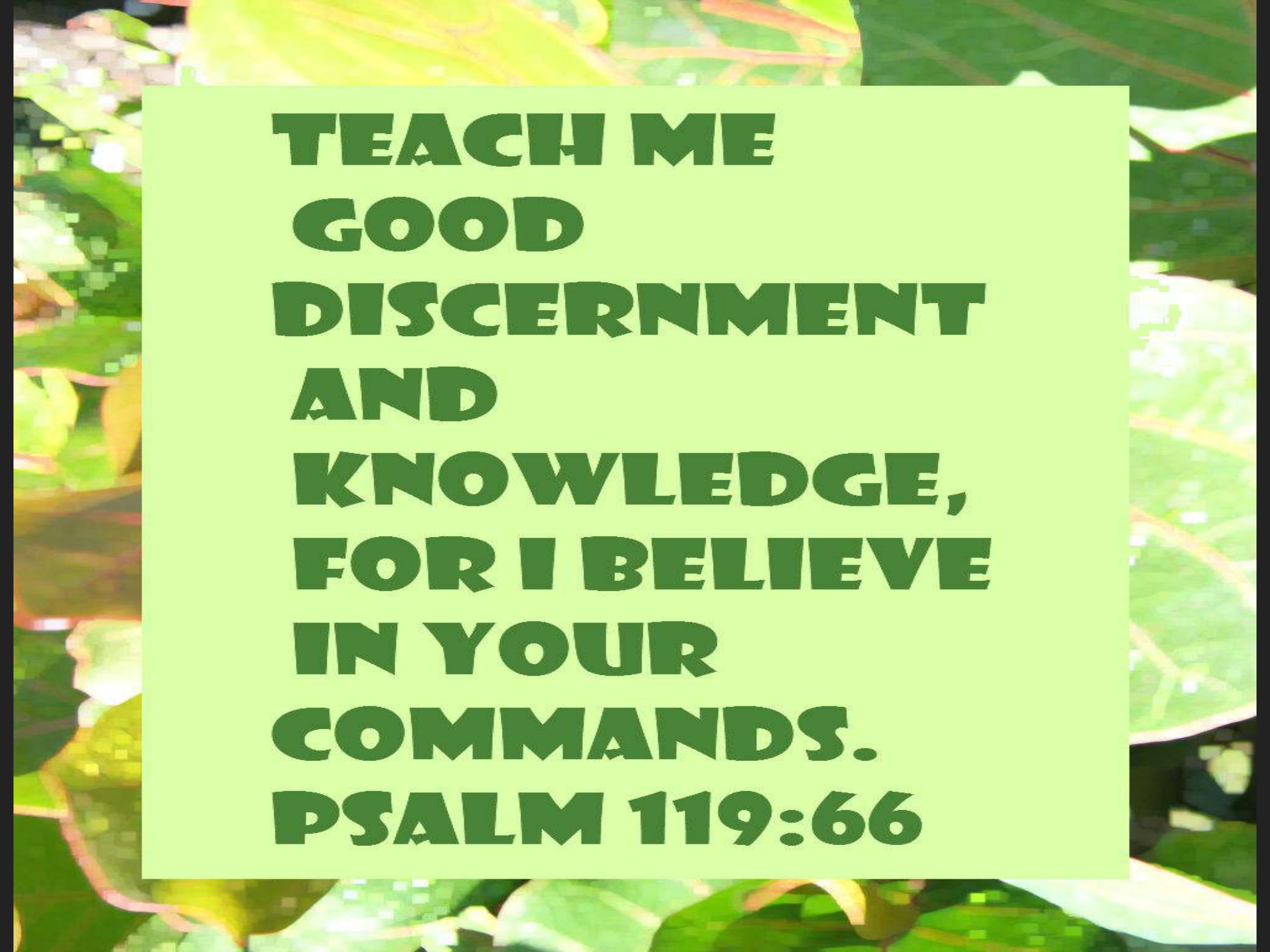


**DISCERNMENT IS  
NOT A SPIRITUAL  
GIFT, IT IS LEARNED.**

Let us discern for ourselves what  
is right; let us learn together  
what is good.

Job 34:4

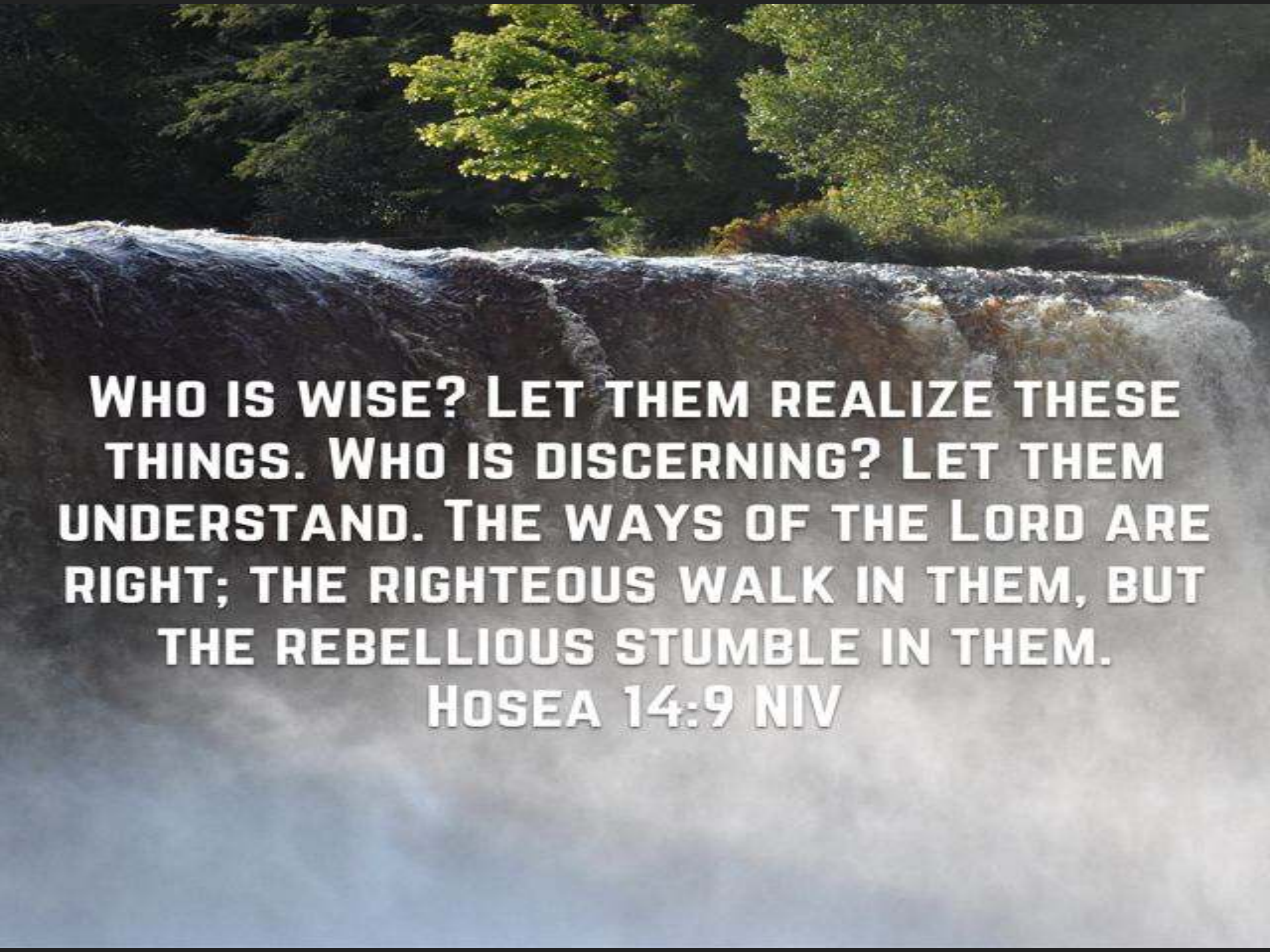




**TEACH ME  
GOOD  
DISCERNMENT  
AND  
KNOWLEDGE,  
FOR I BELIEVE  
IN YOUR  
COMMANDS.  
PSALM 119:66**

**HOW DO WE LEARN  
DISCERNMENT?**





**WHO IS WISE? LET THEM REALIZE THESE  
THINGS. WHO IS DISCERNING? LET THEM  
UNDERSTAND. THE WAYS OF THE LORD ARE  
RIGHT; THE RIGHTEOUS WALK IN THEM, BUT  
THE REBELLIOUS STUMBLE IN THEM.  
HOSEA 14:9 NIV**

**DISCERNMENT IS NOT  
JUST FOR OTHERS...**



**Psalm 19:12-13 (NIV)**

**But who can discern their own  
errors?**

**Forgive my hidden faults.  
Keep your servant also from  
willful sins;**

**may they not rule over me.**

**Then I will be blameless,  
innocent of great transgression.**

**WHERE DOES OUR  
DISCERNMENT COME  
FROM?**



# Paul's Desire for the Philippians

## **Philippians 1:9-11**

<sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, <sup>10</sup> so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

**YOUR CONVERSATION IS  
KEY TO YOUR SALVATION**



Let the words of  
my mouth, and  
the meditation of  
my heart, be  
acceptable in thy  
sight, O LORD,  
my strength, and  
my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14



**DISCERNMENT IS THE  
APPLICATION OF  
WISDOM THAT LEADS TO  
UNDERSTANDING**


**SOLOMON**





9 GIVE THEREFORE THY  
SERVANT AN  
UNDERSTANDING HEART TO  
JUDGE THY PEOPLE, THAT  
I MAY DISCERN BETWEEN  
GOOD AND BAD: FOR WHO  
IS ABLE TO JUDGE THIS  
THY SO GREAT A PEOPLE?



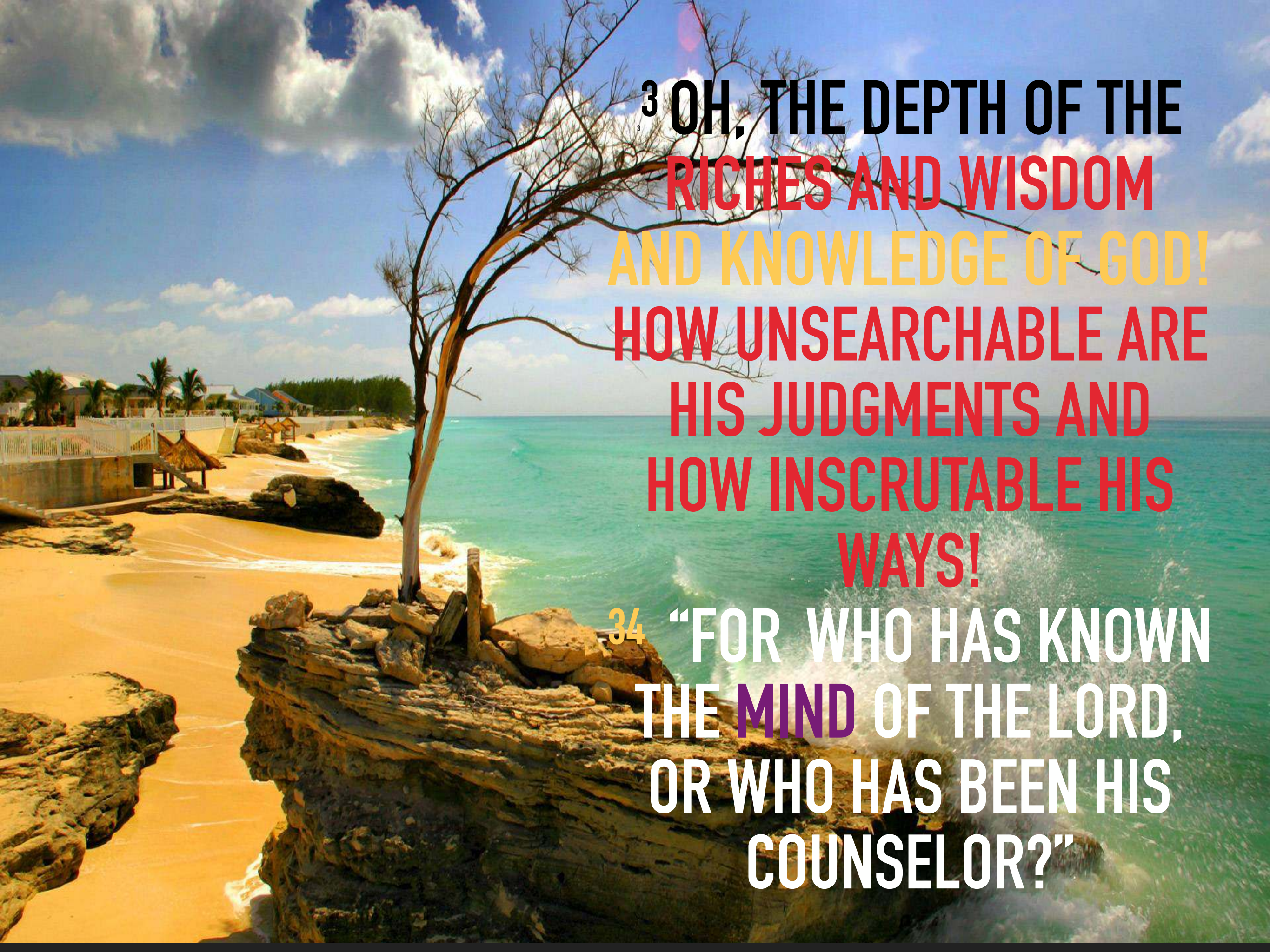


Wisdom is the  
principal thing;  
therefore get  
wisdom: and with all  
thy getting get  
understanding.  
Proverbs 4:7



**DISCERNMENT IS NOT  
JUDGMENT. IT IS THE  
OPPOSITE OF JUDGMENT.**





**3 OH, THE DEPTH OF THE  
RICHES AND WISDOM  
AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD!  
HOW UNSEARCHABLE ARE  
HIS JUDGMENTS AND  
HOW INSCRUTABLE HIS  
WAYS!**

**34 “FOR WHO HAS KNOWN  
THE MIND OF THE LORD,  
OR WHO HAS BEEN HIS  
COUNSELOR?”**



**DISCERNMENT IS  
NOT INTUITION.**

# WHAT DOES DISCERNMENT COME FROM?

- ▶ RIGHTEOUS LIVING
- ▶ UNDERSTANDING GOD'S WORD
- ▶ OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD
- ▶ EXPERIENCES
- ▶ LOVE AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH
- ▶ RECOGNIZING AND AVOIDING POTENTIAL MISTAKES (SPIRITUAL INTELLIGENCE)
- ▶ HUMBLE SUBMISSION TO GOD



**DISCERNMENT  
LEADS TO JOY**

My child, don't lose sight  
of **common sense**  
and **discernment**.

**HANG ON**

to them, for they will

**refresh**

your *soul*....

Proverbs 3:21-22a



**DISCERNMENT IS SEEING  
THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN  
GOOD AND EVIL**

And You Will Again See  
The Distinction Between The  
Righteous And The Wicked,  
Between Those Who Serve  
God And Those Who Do  
Not.

Malachi 3-18



7 **MY** SON, KEEP **MY** WORDS, AND LAY  
UP **MY** COMMANDMENTS WITH THEE.

2 **KEEP MY** COMMANDMENTS, **AND**  
**LIVE;** AND **MY** LAW AS THE APPLE OF  
THINE EYE.

3 **BIND THEM** UPON THY FINGERS,  
WRITE THEM UPON THE TABLE OF  
THINE HEART.

4 SAY UNTO WISDOM, THOU ART MY  
**SISTER**; AND CALL UNDERSTANDING  
THY **KINSWOMAN**:

5 THAT THEY MAY KEEP THEE FROM  
THE **STRANGE WOMAN**, FROM THE  
STRANGER WHICH FLATTERETH WITH  
HER WORDS.



6 FOR AT THE WINDOW OF MY HOUSE  
I LOOKED THROUGH MY CASEMENT,  
7 AND BEHELD AMONG THE SIMPLE  
ONES, I **DISCERNED** AMONG THE  
YOUTHS, A YOUNG MAN **VOID OF**  
**UNDERSTANDING,**

8 PASSING THROUGH THE STREET  
NEAR HER CORNER; AND HE WENT  
THE WAY TO HER HOUSE,  
9 IN THE TWILIGHT, IN THE EVENING,  
IN THE BLACK AND DARK NIGHT:  
10 AND, BEHOLD, THERE MET HIM A  
WOMAN WITH THE ATTIRE OF AN  
HARLOT, AND SUBTIL OF HEART.



**11 (SHE IS LOUD AND  
STUBBORN; HER FEET ABIDE NOT  
IN HER HOUSE:**

**12 NOW IS SHE WITHOUT,  
NOW IN THE STREETS,  
AND LIETH IN WAIT AT EVERY  
CORNER.)**

13 SO SHE **CAUGHT HIM**, AND KISSED  
HIM, AND WITH AN IMPUDENT FACE  
SAID UNTO HIM,

14 I HAVE PEACE OFFERINGS WITH ME;  
**THIS DAY HAVE I PAYED MY VOWS.**

15 THEREFORE CAME I FORTH TO MEET  
THEE, DILIGENTLY TO SEEK THY FACE,  
AND I HAVE FOUND THEE.



**16 I HAVE DECKED MY BED WITH  
COVERINGS OF TAPESTRY,  
WITH CARVED WORKS,  
WITH FINE LINEN OF EGYPT.**

**17 I HAVE PERFUMED MY BED  
WITH MYRRH, ALOES, AND  
CINNAMON.**

18 COME, LET US TAKE OUR FILL OF  
LOVE UNTIL THE MORNING: LET US  
SOLACE OURSELVES WITH LOVES.

19 **FOR THE GOODMAN IS NOT AT  
HOME,** HE IS GONE A LONG JOURNEY:  
20 HE HATH TAKEN A BAG OF MONEY  
WITH HIM, **AND WILL COME HOME AT  
THE DAY APPOINTED.**



21 WITH HER MUCH FAIR SPEECH SHE  
CAUSED HIM TO YIELD, WITH THE  
FLATTERING OF HER LIPS **SHE**  
**FORCED HIM.**

22 **HE GOETH AFTER HER**  
**STRAIGHTWAY,** AS AN OX GOETH TO  
THE SLAUGHTER, OR AS A FOOL TO  
THE CORRECTION OF THE STOCKS;

**23 TILL A DART STRIKE THROUGH HIS  
LIVER;** AS A BIRD HASTETH TO THE  
SNARE, AND KNOWETH NOT THAT IT IS  
FOR HIS LIFE.

**24 HEARKEN UNTO ME NOW  
THEREFORE, O YE CHILDREN, AND  
ATTEND TO THE WORDS OF MY  
MOUTH.**



25 LET NOT THINE HEART  
DECLINE TO HER WAYS, GO NOT  
ASTRAY IN HER PATHS.

26 FOR SHE HATH CAST DOWN  
MANY WOUNDED: YEA, MANY  
STRONG MEN HAVE BEEN SLAIN  
BY HER.

**27** HER HOUSE IS THE WAY  
TO HELL,  
GOING DOWN  
TO THE CHAMBERS OF  
DEATH.