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<p>The spiritual gift of Discernment is the God-given ability, through His Holy Spirit, to distinguish between good and evil, truth and error, right and wrong, in a way that is helpful to the Body of Christ. These people provide much-needed insight, point out inconsistencies in the teaching of God's Word, challenge deceitfulness in others, and help sort out impure motives from pure ones. This gift can be an intuitive sense that something is not right either in the words or actions of others. It can help others sift through healthy versus unhealthy relationships and commitments, identify spiritual warfare and the activity of the enemy, and point out dishonesty.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Discernment:</p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>When I hear somebody claim to be teaching from the Bible, I can usually tell whether the teaching is sound or unsound.</i></p>	
<p><i>I can tell when there is spiritual evil in a situation.</i></p>	
<p><i>Others have told me that I have a strong intuitive sense, seeing dangers or opportunities that others miss.</i></p>	
<p>Some words that describe people with this gift:</p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Intuitive</p>	
<p>Perceptive</p>	
<p>Insightful</p>	
<p>Observant</p>	
<p>Aware</p>	
<p>Sensitive</p>	
<p>Potential negatives to this gift:</p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>Can be seen as being judgmental when pointing out what others fail to see.</p>	
<p>Can be inclined to be prideful in knowing right from wrong before others do.</p>	
<p>Can sometimes discern something that God simply wants to bring to their prayerful attention, but feel inclined to share it prematurely.</p>	



Some possible ways to serve using this gift:	Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:
• Needed in all ministries and on all teams!	
• Counseling ministry/spiritual gifts advisor	
• Conflict resolution/mediation	
• Mentor/life coach	
• Adult Education teacher/Sunday School teacher/assistant	
• Elder/deacon	
• Personnel committee member/HR	
• Bible study leader/assistant/worship leader	
• Prayer team	
• Journalist	

Quotations from individuals with this gift:

AH: "Many times, my gift of discernment is an intuitive response to someone in a committee meeting or something the group is pursuing. It doesn't 'feel' right. There is a built-in spiritual detector that goes off when something being said or actions to be taken do not seem right."

DB: "In my mentoring ministry, I have been able to help guys sort out right relationships from wrong ones, right career choices from bad ones, pure and holy motives from impure and sinful ones. I have been able to help other Christians identify, and deal with, deceitful motives, words and actions in their daily walk with the Lord. I have been able to identify, and pray for, situations involving spiritual warfare where Satan and his hosts are attacking a Christian work, witness or relationship."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: