

# Discerning Heart

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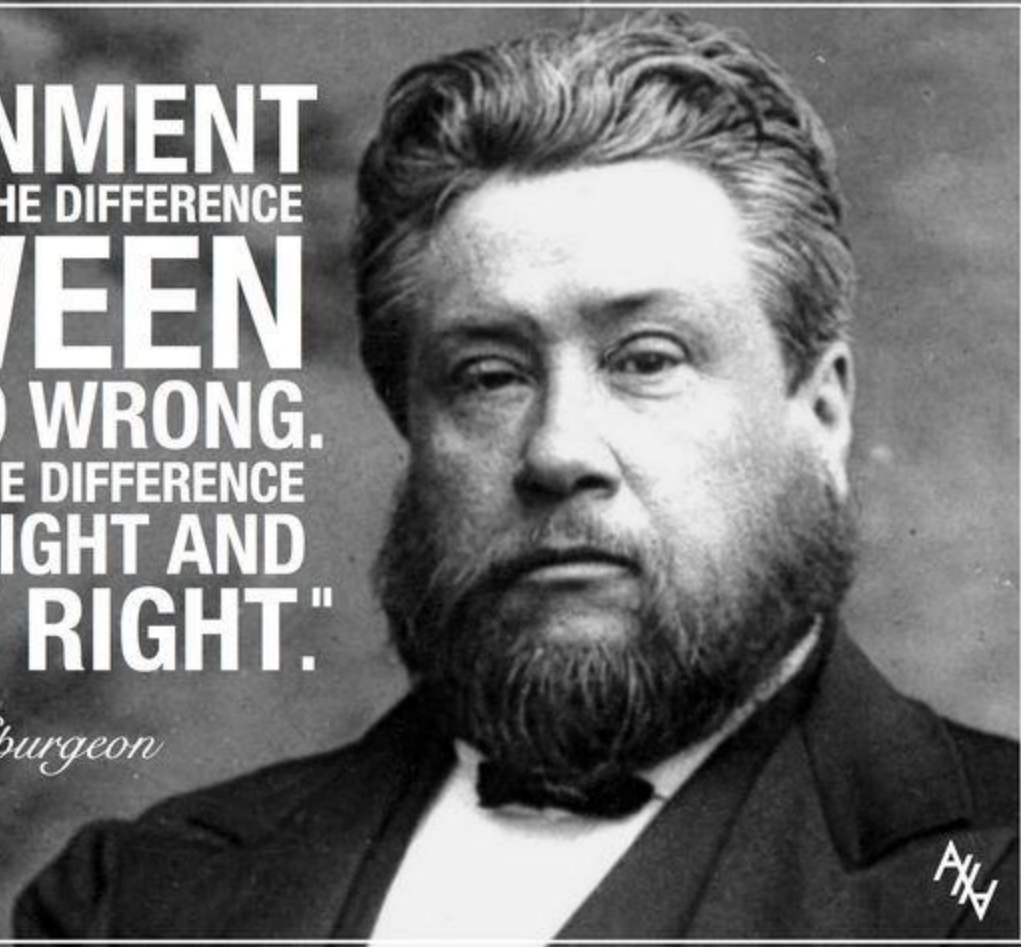


A.W. Tozer

"Among the gifts of the Spirit scarcely one is of greater practical usefulness than the gift of discernment. This gift should be highly valued and frankly sought as being almost indispensable in these critical times. This gift will enable us to distinguish the chaff from the wheat and to divide the manifestations of the flesh from the operations of the Spirit."

**"DISCERNMENT  
IS NOT KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN  
RIGHT AND WRONG.  
IT IS KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE  
BETWEEN RIGHT AND  
ALMOST RIGHT."**

*-Charles Spurgeon*



# TRUTH

A person wearing a dark suit and a bowler hat is seen from behind, walking away on a dirt path that leads into a hazy, mountainous landscape. The scene is captured in a soft, slightly desaturated light, creating a contemplative and somewhat somber atmosphere.

*John 17:17*

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

*Isaiah 8:20*

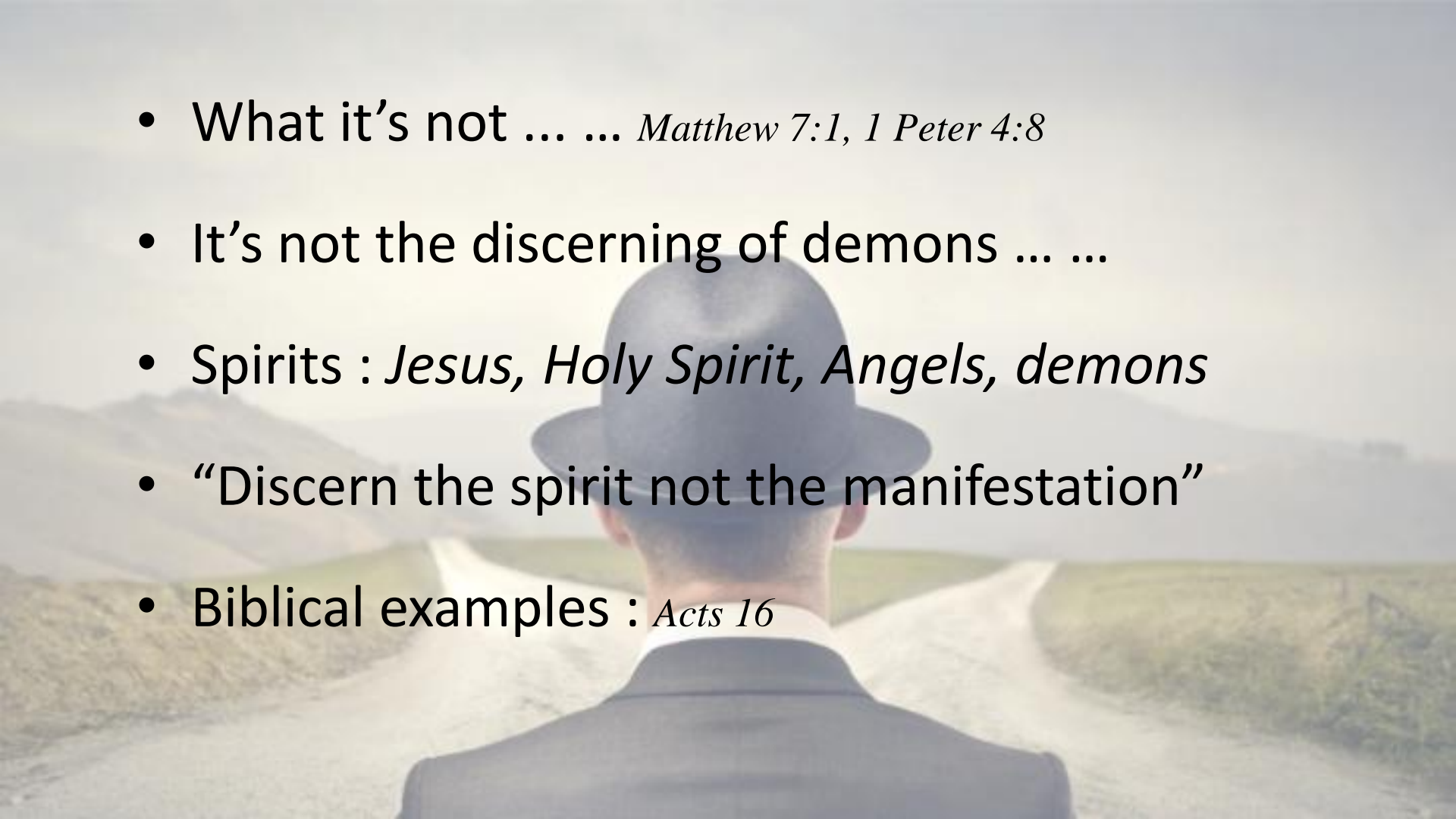
To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.*

# DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

*1 John 4:1*

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

*A God-given ability to distinguish the spirit motivating a person or event.*

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- A man in a dark suit and a dark hat is seen from behind, walking away on a light-colored path that splits into two directions. The background is a hazy, open landscape with rolling hills under a bright sky.
- What it's not ... .. *Matthew 7:1, 1 Peter 4:8*
  - It's not the discerning of demons ... ..
  - Spirits : *Jesus, Holy Spirit, Angels, demons*
  - “Discern the spirit not the manifestation”
  - Biblical examples : *Acts 16*

# LOVE

*Ephesians 4:15*

“speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things”

Examples:

- *John 8*
- *Luke 15*



# PURITY

*Matthew 5:8*

Blessed *are* the pure in heart, For they shall see God.

*John 3:17*

But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.