

Message Notes

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A Discerning Mind

Colossians 2:1–10

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A mind that resists captivity

- ◆ A renewed mind is a _____ mind.
- ◆ Our capacity for good discernment _____ every area of our lives.
- ◆ A discerning mind is a mind that desires _____, even when the truth is _____. (John 18:37–38)
- ◆ When the church _____ a discerning mind, people get hurt, our credibility is forfeited, and God is grieved.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. Colossians 2:8

- ◆ _____ emerges when beliefs are chosen that correspond to preference rather than _____.
- ◆ The result of a failure of discernment is being taken _____.
- ◆ We fall into the trap of believing lies when we are _____ to do so.

How do we become discerning?

- ◆ Discernment starts with _____ truth. (2 Thes. 2:10)
- ◆ Inputs to amplify
 - The _____: The voice of wisdom and expertise.
 - The _____: The voice of dissent, alternate perspective, prophetic critique.
 - The _____: The voice of personal insight and guidance.
- ◆ Inputs to limit
 - The _____: The voice of the mob, fickle popular opinion.
 - The _____: The voice of ulterior motives.
 - The _____: The voice of distraction, numbing, and status quo.
- ◆ Am I curating the best inputs in my life to _____ a discerning mind?