

Under The Influence

1 Corinthians 12:7-12

- Matthew 7: 1-6
- John 7:24
- 1 Cor. 2:15
- 1 Cor. 6:3

The definition of **DISCERNMENT**

The following Greek verbs describe the scope and action of discernment:

Dokimazo = to test, to **EXAMINE**, to interpret, to discover, to approve, to prove, to demonstrate

Anakrino = to ask questions, to examine, to evaluate, to scrutinize, to investigate, to search out

Diakrino = to make a distinction (between persons), to **WEIGH** thoroughly each part

Peirazo = to assay, to examine, to prove, to try

The definition of **JUDGMENT**

The Greek verb used in scripture to describe the scope and action of judgment:

KRINO = to pass judgment on, to sentence, to mentally or judicially condemn, to conclude, to decide, to determine

Examples of people being under the influence of Spirits:

People Led by The Holy Spirit:

- **Acts 8:29** – Philip and Ethiopian Eunuch – Ethiopian Orthodox Church and the spread of the Gospel into Africa.
- **Acts 10:19** – Peter following the Spirit birthed the gentile church.

People Led by an evil spirit:

- **John 13:3** – Satan filled Judas heart
- **Acts 5:3** – Satan filled Ananias and Sapphira
- **Acts 8:14-23** – Simon the sorcerer was influenced by the wrong spirit

The Church in our time:

2 Timothy 3:1-9 – Notice “perilous times” in verse 1. The word perilous is the Greek word “Chalepos” – It is only used one other time in the Bible...

Matthew 8:28 – “exceeding fierce” is same word... It is implying that terrible times will be inspired by demon spirits.

The word “times” is not the Greek word “chronos”, referring to chronological time, but “kairos”, referring to seasons. There will be seasons of heightened peril in the church and other times of relative peace.

What should we do:

1. Make sure we are living right!

1 Corinthians 11:31 - For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

2. Take an honest look at our personal faith walk!

2 Corinthians 13:5 - Examine yourselves *as to* whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

3. Build our lives on the solid ground of God's Word!