

“Open and Discerning”
I Thessalonians 5:19-22

A. Do not _____ the Spirit.

lit: “Stop _____ the Spirit’s fire.”

B. Do not _____ prophecies. (I Corinthians 6:19, 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-12)

lit: “Stop treating _____ with _____.”

C. _____.

- **For _____** (with the Apostles’ teaching and Scripture).

- **For _____** (to build up the body of Christ)

- 1) _____ the good.

- 2) Hold yourself _____ every _____ of _____.

How do we apply these instructions?

1. God calls us to be _____ to the work of the Spirit, but _____, and _____ in affirming _____ and rejecting _____.

2. The Holy Spirit is _____, and _____, and _____; enabling us to _____, and _____ for the _____ that God has given us. (Acts 1:8, John 16:8, Galatians 5:25)

3. The Holy Spirit will _____ reveal anything that _____ what _____ has already _____. (John 16:13, John 16:14, Matthew 24:35)

“Open and Discerning”
I Thessalonians 5:19-22

A. Do not quench the Spirit.

lit: “Stop putting out the Spirit’s fire.”

B. Do not despise prophecies. (I Corinthians 6:19, 12:4-7, Ephesians 4:11-12)

lit: “Stop treating prophecies with contempt.”

C. Test everything.

- For Consistency (with the Apostles’ teaching and Scripture).
- For Effect (to build up the body of Christ)
 - 1) Hold on to the good.
 - 2) Hold yourself free from every kind of evil.

How do we apply these instructions?

1. God calls us to be open to the work of the Spirit, but discerning, and decisive in affirming truth and rejecting falsehood.
2. The Holy Spirit is real, and personal, and powerful; enabling us to grow in godliness, and empowering us for the mission that God has given us. (Acts 1:8, John 16:8, Galatians 5:25)
3. The Holy Spirit will never reveal anything that contradicts what God has already revealed. (John 16:13, John 16:14, Matthew 24:35)