

Mature Discernment II

^{NKJ} **Matthew 16:2** He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red'; ³ "and in the morning, 'It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to **discern** the face of the sky, but you cannot **discern** the signs of the times.

To discern means to separate, make a **distinction**, to prefer or discriminate.

To discern means to try, to decide, to **determine** or give judgment.

To discern means to **sift** and **sort** and find out what's in operation.

I

Consider **Ecclesiastics 3:1-11**

Solomon gives us fourteen opposite seasons and times we have to deal with in life.

Discerning the season and time helps us with an appropriate response.

II

Champions discern the season and time.

We don't **control** the timing of most events: the best we can do is to **recognize** the timing.

1. It is important we recognize God's timing, not to change it.
2. It is our **responsibility** to accept and cooperate with God's timing.
3. Our **alignment** with God's timing makes a great difference.
4. God has made everything appropriate in its time.
5. God has put eternity in our hearts so we must trust God to **communicate** His timing.

III

We cannot **start** a season or **stop** a season. We can only respond to the season.

1. We must discern the divine emphasis of God. **Psalm 46:4**

^{NKJ} **Psalm 46:4** *There is a river* whose **streams** shall make glad the city of God, The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High.

In every move of God there are **major** and **minor** moves of God.

2. We must discern when to stay and when to leave. **1 Kings 17:7**

^{NKJ} **1 Kings 17:7** And it happened after a while that **the brook dried up**, because there had been no rain in the land.

Sometimes God brings you into something **supernaturally** and brings you out **naturally**.

3. We must discern when to **speak** and when to be **quiet**.

^{KJV} **Proverbs 26:4** **Answer not** a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him. ⁵ **Answer** a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

^{NKJ} **Proverbs 26:4** **Do not answer** a fool according to his folly, Lest you also be like him. ⁵ **Answer** a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own eyes.

^{NLT} **Proverbs 26:4** **Don't answer** the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are. ⁵ **Be sure to answer** the foolish arguments of fools, or they will become wise in their own estimation.

Not all rhetoric must be responded to.

Champions develop mature discernment throughout their entire life.

Champions must determine today is the day of salvation.