

# 20 WAYS WISDOM HELPS YOU DISCERN DIFFERENCE

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Learning how to discern the difference between something is essential for making the right decisions, choosing the right relationships, and serving the right deity.

Proverbs 3:13 says, “Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding”.

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EVILNESS AND**

**RIGHTEOUSNESS:** Evilness is doing something that makes the Lord angry. Righteousness is doing something that makes the Lord happy. Knowing the difference between the two will determine if you are blessed or cursed by God.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PLEASURE AND PAIN:**

Pain is a **FEELING** that is uncomfortable for a person to endure. Pleasure is a satisfying **THOUGHT** of joy. Knowing the difference between the two will help you understand that pain last longer than pleasure.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES:**

An opportunity is a chance to do something without opposition. An obstacle is a chance to do something **WITH** opposition. People who see obstacles as an opportunity will become uncommon leaders and achievers.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FAVOR AND A HARVEST:**

Favor is when you are liked by men. A harvest is a return given to you from a prior investment. Knowing the difference between God favoring you and wisdom rewarding you will help you understand where your blessings are coming from.

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TROUBLE AND**

**TRAGEDY:** Trouble is a personal conflict of a persons mental calmness. When people are worried, agitated or in distress they are troubled. Tragedy is a(n) disastrous **EVENT** that invites trouble. You can avoid getting into or being troubled. However, you **CANNOT** avoid tragedy. It is beyond your control.

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FRIENDS AND ENEMIES:**

Friends are people who are loyal to you. Enemies are people who attack you. Knowing the difference will help you understand who's for you and who's against you.

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RICH AND WEALTHY:**

Rich people have an abundance of assets you can measure. Wealthy people have an abundance of assets you **CANNOT** measure. Knowing the difference will help you see a persons limitations in helping you.

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BLESSED AND CURSED:**

People who are blessed are fortunate. People who are

cursed are misfortunate. Knowing the difference will help you identify the people who are right with God and those who are not.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAPPY AND JOYFUL:**

Happiness is a fleeting moment of pleasure that comes and goes. Joy is an everlasting pleasure that lasts forever in spite of what is happening around you. Knowing the difference between the two will help you understand what is more important to pursue.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR PURPOSE AND**

**ASSIGNMENT:** Your purpose is what you were born to do. Your assignment is to a person, place or thing you are ordained to help. Knowing the difference between the two will enable you to get what you need while pleasing God at the same time.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KNOWLEDGE AND**

**WISDOM:** Knowledge is awareness of what is around you. Wisdom is insight to what is ahead of you. Knowing the

difference between the two will help you to succeed in life. Knowledge will help you to avoid **PRESENT** trouble. Wisdom will **PREPARE** you for what is coming ahead.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH:** People who have life are connected to God. People who are dying are separated from God. Life and death in the spiritual realm is determined by a persons relationship with God. Knowing the difference between the two will help you to measure the quality of your relationship with God.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LISTENING AND HEARING:** Hearing is acknowledging a sound that is being spoken. Listening is **OBEYING** or following the sound that is being spoken. People who hear you are acknowledging your words. People who listen to you are obeying your words.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PASSION AND ZEALOUSNESS:** Passion is a strong desire to do

something while being informed of what to do.

Zealousness is a strong desire to do something while having **NO** knowledge of what to do. People who are passionate think before they act. Zealous people act before they think. Knowing the difference will prevent you from making big mistakes.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WANTING MORE AND**

**GREED:** Greed is wanting more without the intent to share with others. Wanting more is a craving to increase and do better **WITH** the intent to bless others. Knowing the difference between the two will help you to avoid God's judgment. People who want more will be blessed by God. People who are greedy will be punished by God.

### **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN IDEA AND A VISION:**

An idea is a thought that has no clarity. A vision is an idea that has structure, clarity and direction. Converting an idea to a vision is the secret ingredient to transformation.

## **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RELIGION AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD:**

Religion is a fundamental set of beliefs and practices agreed by a number of people. The Kingdom of God is a Heavenly country ruled by King Jesus. Knowing the difference between the two will prevent you from being controlled by people and ritualistic systems.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LOVE AND LUST:** Love is giving. Lust is taking. People who love give to empower others. People who lust take to empower themselves. Knowing the difference between the two will help you understand who's for you and against you.

**THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A BATTLE AND A WAR:** A battle is short term. A war is long term. God will fight your battles but you need to survive the war. Knowing the difference between the two will give you insight into how to fight different enemies. Some enemies you attack immediately. Other enemies you attack gradually.

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