

## **Discernment of Spirits**

### **Description:**

Persons with this gift are able to distinguish truth from error and rely on spiritual intuition to know what God is calling us to do. They help us to focus on what is truly important.

### **Distinctives:**

#### People with this gift:

- Distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, pure motives from impure
- Identify deception in others with accuracy and appropriateness
- Determine whether a word attributed to God is authentic
- Recognize inconsistencies in a teaching, prophetic message or interpretation
- Are able to sense the presence of evil.

#### Traits:

- Perceptive
- Insightful
- Sensitive
- Intuitive
- Decisive
- Challenging
- Truthful

#### Cautions:

- May struggle with how to express perceptions, feelings or insights.
- Could be harsh when confronting others, instead of speaking the truth in love.
- Need to confirm their perceptions before speaking.

### **Biblical Examples:**

1 Corinthians 12:10

Acts 5:1-4

Matthew 16:21-23

### **Ministry Suggestions:**

Trustees

Staff Parish Relations

Church Leadership Council

Small Group Leader

Second Century Committee

New Ministry Development Team