**Women of Warfare “WOW” Class 2**

**“Learning to Discern” *by Connie Stoffel***

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**Personal Housecleaning:**

***“Bitter Water” and “Sweet Water” can’t come from the same well.*** Your composure needs to be controlled at every level by the Spirit of God if you are to be taken seriously as a mentor, intercessor, watchman, warrior.

“Out of the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, this should not be! [Can](https://biblehub.com/greek/3385.htm) [both fresh water](https://biblehub.com/greek/1099.htm) [and](https://biblehub.com/greek/2532.htm) [bitter water](https://biblehub.com/greek/4089.htm) [flow](https://biblehub.com/greek/1032.htm) [from](https://biblehub.com/greek/1537.htm) [the](https://biblehub.com/greek/3588.htm) [same](https://biblehub.com/greek/846.htm) [spring?](https://biblehub.com/greek/4077.htm) My brothers, can a fig tree grow olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.”

[**Jas 3:10**](verseid:59.3.10) Out [G1537](num:G1537)  of the [G3588](num:G3588)  same [G846](num:G846)  mouth [G4750](num:G4750)  proceedeth [G1831](num:G1831)  blessing [G2129](num:G2129)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  cursing. [G2671](num:G2671)  My [G3450](num:G3450)  brethren, [G80](num:G80)  these things [G5023](num:G5023)  ought [G5534](num:G5534)  not [G3756](num:G3756)  so [G3779](num:G3779)  to be. [G1096](num:G1096)

[**Jas 3:11**](verseid:59.3.11) Doth( [G3385](num:G3385) ) a fountain [G4077](num:G4077)  send forth [G1032](num:G1032)  at [G1537](num:G1537)  the [G3588](num:G3588)  same [G846](num:G846)  place [G3692](num:G3692)  sweet [G1099](num:G1099)  *water* and [G2532](num:G2532)  bitter? [G4089](num:G4089)

[**Jas 3:12**](verseid:59.3.12) ( [G3361](num:G3361) ) Can [G1410](num:G1410)  the fig tree, [G4808](num:G4808)  my [G3450](num:G3450)  brethren, [G80](num:G80)  bear [G4160](num:G4160)  olive berries? [G1636](num:G1636)  either [G2228](num:G2228)  a vine, [G288](num:G288)  figs? [G4810](num:G4810)  so [G3779](num:G3779)  *can* no [G3762](num:G3762)  fountain [G4077](num:G4077)  both yield [G4160](num:G4160)  salt [G252](num:G252)  water [G5204](num:G5204)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  fresh. [G1099](num:G1099)

***Wild Mare’s:*** As strong women we can often be as wild mares, which can be more dangerous than stallions. Wild mares are strong, but their strength, if not controlled strength, is violent, untamed, undirected and dangerous. We can be bitter or we can be sweet. We can bless or we can curse. We can tear down or we can build up. When we continue to allow ourselves to be untamed and un-submitted to the training and teachings of our Father God and what He wants to do in us, **we only have the appearance of real strength.**

We must ***learn to trust in*** and ***rely upon*** the training of our Father and the teaching of His Holy Spirit. Not in our own understanding. Let us have hearts that are ***continually*** teachable. May we learn to put our strengths into the palm of His hand that we may be used for a purpose far greater than we could imagine.

***NOTES:***

**Always remember this:**

***“The original intent of your life and your Kingdom purpose will always be tampered with by the enemy. We can, in a moment, in the blink of an eye, get off tract.***”

**“WE MUST LEARN TO DISCERN”**

This can only be accomplished by a life of prayer, the study and reading of God’s Word and being accountable to those God has placed over us. Yes, even our husbands. If you choose to let your mind, will, emotions or circumstances surrounding you control the atmosphere around you… God, Himself will stop you dead in your tracks to save you from yourself!

***Women of Warfare are women of Temperance:*** This word is described in the Bible as great power under control or strength controlled.

Example: A draft horse pulling a cart does not realize how strong he really is. Ladies, if we are not living a life of temperance… we will bring shame and reproach and distruction on our callings.

[**Gal 5:23**](verseid:48.5.23)  Meekness, [G4236](num:G4236)  temperance: [G1466](num:G1466)  against [G2596](num:G2596)  such [G5108](num:G5108)  there is [G2076](num:G2076)  no [G3756](num:G3756)  law. [G3551](num:G3551)

**Teaching: Learning to Discern**

***What is true discernment?***

Discernment is not only necessary, but is vital to the winning of every battle we will face as Women of Warfare. As warriors of the Most High God, we must be able to discern correctly with every encounter. Part of this discernment is being able to recognize when that discernment is lacking in the heart and mind of another believer.

***But even more important is being honest with myself***

***when that discernment is lacking within me.***

One of my favorite authors, Francis Frangipane, said about discernment.

“Spiritual discernment is the grace to see into the unseen. It is a gift of the Spirit to perceive the realm of the spirit. Its purpose is to understand the nature of that which is veiled. However, the first veil that must be removed is the veil over our own hearts. For the capacity to see into that which is in another’s heart comes from Christ revealing that which is in our own hearts. Before He reveals the sin of another, Jesus demands we grasp our own deep need of His mercy. Thus, out of the grace that we have received, we can compassionately minister grace to others. We will know thoroughly that the true gift of discernment is not a faculty of our minds.” The Three Battlegrounds, Francis Frangipane, Arrow Publications, Inc., Cedar Rapids, IA, 1995, p. 74.

Different battles require different weapons, but….

***discernment is always necessary***!

I have had women tell me that they have discernment or the gift of discernment. But what is discernment really?

We can be sensitive to the spiritual realm, feeling the hair stand up on the back of our necks, etc. We can even easily recognize evil spirits. But let me ask you this??? What happens when the evil doesn’t appear evil at all??? In fact, it appears as light or good???

Let me state these 3 firm facts that every **Woman of Warfare** should understand:

1. Discernment is a necessity in the life of every believer.
2. Discernment is a gift from God, and you should have it.
3. Most believers don’t operate in real discernment.
4. Situations aren’t always as easy as you think to discern.

Biblical discernment is the process of making careful distinctions in our thinking about truth. In other words, the ability to think with discernment is synonymous with an ability to think Biblically.

Let me give you an example in scripture:

[**Heb 5:13**](verseid:58.5.13) For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. [**Heb 5:14**](verseid:58.5.14) But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

[**Heb 5:14**](verseid:58.5.14) But [G1161](num:G1161)  strong meat [G4731](num:G4731) [G5160](num:G5160)  belongeth [G2076](num:G2076)  to them that are of full age, [G5046](num:G5046)  *even* those who by reason of [G1223](num:G1223)  use [G1838](num:G1838)  have [G2192](num:G2192)  their senses [G145](num:G145)  exercised [G1128](num:G1128)  to [G4314](num:G4314)  ***discern*** [G1253](num:G1253)  both [G5037](num:G5037)  good [G2570](num:G2570)  and [G2532](num:G2532)  evil. [G2556](num:G2556)

**GREEK: *discern***  **#1253 - Diakrisis: the act of judgment**

**Original Word:**διάκρισις, εως, ἡ  
**Part of Speech:**Noun, Feminine  
**Transliteration:**diakrisis  
**Phonetic Spelling:**(dee-ak'-ree-sis)  
**Short Definition:**distinguishing, deciding, passing sentence on  
**Definition:**distinguishing; hence: deciding, passing sentence on; the act of judgment, discernment.

**HELPS Word-studies**

**Cognate: 1253** *diákrisis* (from [1252](https://biblehub.com/greek/1252.htm) */diakrínō*, see there) – properly, a *thorough* judgment, i.e. a *discernment* (*conclusion*) which distinguishes "look-alikes," i.e. things that *appear* to be the same. (Note the intensifying force of the prefix, *dia*.) See also [1252](https://biblehub.com/greek/1252.htm) (*diakrínō*).

*Example*: Heb 5:14: "But solid food relates to mature people ([5046](https://biblehub.com/greek/5046.htm)*/téleios*), of those having the sense-faculties trained ('exercised,' Gk perfect tense) on account of the habit – [namely] for ([4314](https://biblehub.com/greek/4314.htm) */prós*) *discernment* ([1253](https://biblehub.com/greek/1253.htm) */diákrisis*), of both good ('in combination with,' [5037](https://biblehub.com/greek/5037.htm)*/té*] and [what is] miserably-bad."

The same word “diakrisis” is used again in 1 Corinthians 12:10 speaking about spiritual gifts:

“to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

[**1Co 12:10**](verseid:46.12.10) To( [G1161](num:G1161) ) another [G243](num:G243)  the working [G1755](num:G1755)  of miracles; [G1411](num:G1411)  to( [G1161](num:G1161) ) another [G243](num:G243)  prophecy; [G4394](num:G4394)  to( [G1161](num:G1161) ) another [G243](num:G243)  discerning [G1253](num:G1253)  of spirits; [G4151](num:G4151)  to( [G1161](num:G1161) ) another [G2087](num:G2087)  *divers* kinds [G1085](num:G1085)  of tongues; [G1100](num:G1100)  to( [G1161](num:G1161) ) another [G243](num:G243)  the interpretation [G2058](num:G2058)  of tongues: [G1100](num:G1100)

Two distinct “Discernments” here. One that every believer must possess (this must be cultivated as we will see here in Hebrews) One is a gift of the Holy Spirit to the body….

Read Hebrews 5:14 again….

“But solid food belongs to those who are [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+5%3A14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30045a)]of full age, *that is,* those who ***by reason of [***[***b***](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+5%3A14&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-30045b)***]use*** have their senses ***exercised*** to ***discern*** both good and evil.” Hebrews 5:14

Constant use and fully trained are the ones who will discern… If you are not amercing yourself in not just good things, but God things….you will have difficulty recognizing the real thing.

But there is a greater type of discernment that I am striving for:

2 Peter 1: 1-13

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the ***knowledge*** of God, and of Jesus our Lord, According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the ***knowledge*** of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the ***divine nature***, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

1. And beside this, ***giving all diligence***, ***add to your faith***, ***virtue***; and to virtue ***knowledge***; and to knowledge ***temperance***; and to temperance ***patience;*** and to patience ***godliness***; and to godliness ***brotherly kindness***;

and to brotherly kindness ***charity.***

***For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge***

***of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

But he that lacketh these things is ***blind***, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, ***give diligence to make your calling and election sure***: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be

***established in the present truth***.

In 2 Peter 1:5 We are instructed immediately in this scripture to be ***diligent:***

KJV – giving all diligence AMP – adding your diligence

NAS – apply all diligence NIV – make every effort

So we are to give all diligence…to do what?? ***ADD*** to your ***FAITH:*  We must see that the foundation is FAITH:**

**It would look like this laid out in verse 5:**

And beside this, ***giving all diligence***, ***add to your faith***, ***virtue***; and to virtue ***knowledge***; and to knowledge ***temperance***; and to temperance ***patience;*** and to patience ***godliness***; and to godliness ***brotherly kindness***; and to brotherly kindness ***charity.***

**CHARITY**

**BROTHERLY KINDNESS**

**GODLINESS**

**PATIENCE**

**TEMPERANCE**

**KNOWLEDGE**

**VIRTUE**

**FAITH**

**CHARITY: (G26)** ἀγάπη agapē; *love*, that is, *affection* or *benevolence*; specifically, (plural) a *love feast:* - (feast of) charity ([-ably]), dear, love. From root[**G25**](num:G25)

**BROTHERLY KINDNESS: (G5361)** φιλαδελφία Philadelphia; *fraternal affection:* - brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren. From root [**G5361**](num:G5361)

**GODLINESS**: **(G2150)** εὐσέβεια eusebeia *yoo-seb'-i-ah* *piety*; specifically, the *gospel* scheme: - godliness, holiness. From root [**G2152**](num:G2152)

**PATIENCE**: **(G5281)** ὑπομονή hupomonē *hoop-om-on-ay'*

cheerful (or hopeful) *endurance*, *constancy:* - enduring, patience, patient continuance (waiting). From root[**G5278**](num:G5278)

**TEMPERANCE**: **(G1466)** ἐγκράτεια egkrateia *eng-krat'-i-ah*

*self control* (especially *continence*): - temperance. From root [**G1468**](num:G1468)

**KNOWLEDGE: (G1108)** γνῶσις gnōsis *gno'-sis* *knowing* (the act), that is, (by implication) *knowledge:* - knowledge, science. From root [**G1097**](num:G1097);

**VIRTUE: (G703)** ἀρέτη aretē *ar-et'-ay* properly *manliness* (*valor*), that is, *excellence* (intrinsic or attributed): - praise, virtue. From the same as [**G730**](num:G730);

**FAITH: (G4102)** πίστις pistis *pis'-tis*; *persuasion*, that is, *credence*; moral *conviction* (of *religious* truth, or the truthfulness of God or a religious teacher), especially *reliance* upon Christ for salvation; abstractly *constancy* in such profession; by extension the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself: - assurance, belief, believe, faith, fidelity. From [**G3982**](num:G3982)

So with these things added to our foundations of Faith? ***Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, Godliness, Brotherly Kindness and Charity;*** verse 8 says,

***For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be BARREN nor UNFRUITFUL in the knowledge***

***of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

**BARREN:** ἀργός argos *ar-gos'* From [G1](num:G1) (as a negative particle) and [G2041](num:G2041); *inactive*, that is, *unemployed*; (by implication) *lazy*, *useless:* - barren, idle, slow.

[G2041](num:G2041); ἔργον ergon *er'-gon* From ἔργω ergō (a primary but obsolete word; to *work*); *toil* (as an effort or occupation); by implication an *act:* - deed, doing, labor, work.

**UNFRUITFUL:** ἄκαρπος akarpos *ak'-ar-pos* From [G1](num:G1) (as a negative particle) and [G2590](num:G2590); *barren* (literally or figuratively): - without fruit, unfruitful. [***G2590***](num:G2590); καρπός karpos *kar-pos'* Probably from the base of [G726](num:G726); *fruit* (as *plucked*), literally or figuratively: - fruit.

You will **NOT BE BARREN** or **UNFRUITFUL** in what?

***The KNOWLEDGE of our Lord Jesus Christ!***

What is His **KNOWLEDGE**??

**G1922** ἐπίγνωσις epignōsis *ip-ig'-no-sis* From [G1921](num:G1921); *recognition*, that is, (by implication) ***full discernment***, *acknowledgement:* - (ac-) knowledge (-ing, -ment).

[***G1921***](num:G1921) ἐπιγινώσκω epiginōskō *ep-ig-in-oce'-ko* From [G1909](num:G1909) and [G1097](num:G1097); to *know upon* some mark, that is, *recognize*; by implication to *become fully acquainted with*, to *acknowledge:* - (ac-, have, take) know (-ledge, well), perceive.

[***G1909***](num:G1909)ἐπί epi *ep-ee'* A primary preposition properly meaning *superimposition* (of time, place, order, etc.), as a relation of *distribution* [with the genitive case], that is, *over*, *upon*, etc.; of *rest* (with the dative case) *at*, *on*, etc.; of *direction* (with the accusative case) *towards*, *upon*, etc.: - about (the times),above, after, against, among, as long as (touching), at, beside, X have charge of, (be-, [where-]) fore, in (a place, as much as, the time of, -to), (because) of, (up-) on (behalf of) over, (by, for) the space of, through (-out), (un-) to (-ward), with. In compounds it retains essentially the same import, *at*, *upon*, etc. (literally or figuratively).

[**G1097**](num:G1097)

**The KJV New Testament Greek Lexicon**

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Strong's Number:** 1097 | [**Browse Lexicon**](http://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/kjv/ginosko.html) | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Original Word** | **Word Origin** | | ginwvskw | a prolonged form of a primary verb | | **Transliterated Word** | [**TDNT**](https://www.biblestudytools.com/lexicons/greek/kjv/ginosko.html#Legend)**Entry** | | Ginosko | 1:689,119 | | **Phonetic Spelling** | **Parts of Speech** | | ghin-oce'-ko | Verb | | | | **Definition** | | | 1. to learn to know, come to know, get a knowledge of perceive, feel    1. to become known 2. to know, understand, perceive, have knowledge of    1. to understand    2. to know 3. Jewish idiom for sexual intercourse between a man and a woman 4. to become acquainted with, to know | | |

**THE KINGDOM KEY TO REAL DISCERNMENT:**

In this teaching, the Father and the Holy Spirit have given us a key! A “Kingdom Key” which will help us to bear fruit and gain knowledge (the knowing) and the discernment of His Son, our King. Not only that, but this knowledge will help us to come against the “Spirit of Bareness” and “The Spirit of Unfruitfulness.” Are you barren? Are you unfruitful? This seems to be a Kingdom Key with the directions fully laid out. These things, the Kingdom principles, Keys and fruit that bears more fruit, work together to combat the opposite of “Knowledge” which is “Ignorance” and “Lack of Discernment.” So, with these things added to our foundation of FAITH coupled with diligence, we will have the DISCERNMENT of the Lord Jesus Christ and our fruit in that discernment will be effective and productive. HALLELULIAH!