

Deception or Revelation: You Can Tell the Difference

You will know them by their fruits. Matthew 7:16

One of the reasons for a Coach to be involved with the Immanuel prayer time is to help discern what the Receiver is perceiving. Is it empty, evil or sanctified? Is it visualization or revelation? Is it wishful thinking or truth?

1. **The Written Word of God:** *Truth always lines up with the Bible.*

Psalms 18:30 As for God, His way is **perfect**; **The word of the LORD is proven**; He is a shield to all who trust in Him.

Psalms 33:4 For **the word of the LORD is right**, And all His work is done in truth.

2. **Presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives:** *Jesus tells us that we can indeed tell good from evil by the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth and palpable peace.*

John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Colossians 3:15 And let **the peace of God rule in your hearts**, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Hebrews 5:14 But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised **to discern both good and evil**.

3. **Confirmation from the body of Christ:** *Together, we have the mind of Christ.*

1 Corinthians 2:16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But **we have the mind of Christ**.

Deuteronomy 17:6 Whoever is deserving of death shall be put to death on **the testimony of two or three witnesses**; he shall not be put to death on the testimony of one witness.

Deuteronomy 19:15 One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; by **the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established**.

Matthew 18:16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that **'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'**

2 Corinthians 13:1 This will be the third time I am coming to you. "**By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.**"

1 Timothy 5:19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from **two or three witnesses**.

Hebrews 10:28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy **on the testimony of two or three witnesses**.

4. **Good fruit:** *The good fruit is kingdom living (righteousness, peace and joy in the Spirit) and abundant life.*

Matthew 7:16-18 **You will know them by their fruits.** Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit.

Luke 6:43-44a For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. **For every tree is known by its own fruit.**

It's our job to test the fruit both as Coaches and Receivers.

2 Corinthians 13:5 **Examine yourselves** as to whether you are in the faith. **Test yourselves.** Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? —unless indeed you are disqualified.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits**, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

1 Thessalonians 5:21 **Test all things; hold fast what is good.**

And then to hold fast to Jesus and the truth He has given us:

Deuteronomy 10:20 You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and **to Him you shall hold fast**, and take oaths in His name.

Deuteronomy 11:22 For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and **to hold fast to Him**—

Deuteronomy 13:4 You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and **hold fast to Him**.

Joshua 22:5 But take careful heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, to keep His commandments, **to hold fast to Him**, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

Joshua 23:8 But you shall **hold fast to the LORD your God**, as you have done to this day.

Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still **hold fast to your integrity**? Curse God and die!"

Job 27:6 **My righteousness I hold fast**, and will not let it go; My heart shall not reproach me as long as I live.

Isaiah 56:4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep My Sabbaths, And choose what pleases Me, And **hold fast My covenant**,

Jeremiah 8:5 Why has this people slidden back, Jerusalem, in a perpetual **backsliding**? **They hold fast to deceit**, They refuse to return.

1 Corinthians 15:2 By which also you are saved, if you **hold fast that word which I preached to you**— unless you believed in vain.

2 Timothy 1:13 **Hold fast the pattern of sound words** which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 3:6 But Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we **hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end**.

Hebrews 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold fast our confession**.

Hebrews 10:23 **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering**, for He who promised is faithful.

Revelation 2:13 I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And **you hold fast to My name**, you, where Satan dwells.

Revelation 2:25 "But **hold fast what you have** till I come.

Revelation 3:3 Remember therefore how you have received and heard; **hold fast and repent**. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you.

Revelation 3:11 Behold, I am coming quickly! **Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown**.

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