Pray: Three things

-God's protection

-God's presence

-God's guidance.

2 Timothy 2:24-26 (NKJV)

24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

9 Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?"

10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?"

Mark 9:14-29 (NKJV)

21 *So He (Jesus) asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.*

Learning to Discern

Week 3

Discernment in the context of deliverance - the ability to detect with our senses the spiritual atmosphere around us or the spiritual condition of a person.

A. The gift of discernment can be acquired and enhanced through

1. Reading God’s Word,
2. through petition, and
3. through exercise.

1. Reading God’s Word,

To grow in the area of discernment. You must know the Word of God. You must know TRUTH because Satan is the father of lies.

TRUTH sets a person free.

John 8:32 (NLT2)

32 And you will know the truth,
and the truth will set you free.”

2 Timothy 2:15 (NASB)

15 Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NASB)

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Titus 1:2 (NKJV)

2 in hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began,

2. The Gift of Discernment can be acquired by Petitioning God for this gift.

Discernment is not an option. You need it. It is necessary to operate in Deliverance ministry.

. We can pray with confidence knowing it is God’s will.

1 Corinthians 12:31 (NLT2)

31 *So you should earnestly desire the most helpful gifts…*

. We can pray with confidence knowing it is God’s will.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NASB)

1 Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*…

3. Exercise the gift.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (NKJV)

12 For though by this time you ought to be
teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first
principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need
milk and not solid food. 13 For everyone who partakes *only*
of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a
babe.

[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.

B. Learn to Listen to the voice of Holy Spirit

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding;
6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

John 10:1-6 (NKJV)

1 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.
2 But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

3 To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4 And when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice.

5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers." 6 Jesus used this illustration, but they did not understand the things which He spoke to them.

John 10:27 (NKJV)

27 My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

1 Corinthians 2:9-16 (NKJV)

9 But as it is written: *"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him."*

10 But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have received, not the
spirit of the world, but the Spirit
who is from God, that we might
know the things that have been
freely given to us by God. 13 These
things we also speak, not in words
which man's wisdom teaches but
which the Holy Spirit teaches,
comparing spiritual things with
spiritual.

14 But the natural man does not
receive the things of the Spirit of
God, for they are foolishness to him;
nor can he know *them*, because they
are spiritually discerned.
16 For *"who has known the mind of
the LORD that he may instruct
Him?"* But we have the mind of
Christ.

John 16:13 (NKJV)

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.

C. There are only three voices

1. God’s Voice

2. My Voice

3. Satan’s Voice.

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NKJV)

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

5 casting down arguments and every
high thing that exalts itself against the
knowledge of God, bringing every
thought into captivity to the obedience
of Christ, 6 and being ready to punish
all disobedience when your obedience
is fulfilled.

Romans 7:1-6 (ESV)

1 Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?
2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

[3] *Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress.*

4 *Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.*

5 For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.
6 But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Jews are married to and seek the law for guidance.

YOU ARE NO LONGER MARRIED TO THE LAW BUT TO JESUS. SEEK HIS FACE. SEEK HIS DIRECTION.

Greeks are married to and seek Intellect for guidance.

YOU ARE NO LONGER MARRIED TO YOUR INTELLECT BUT TO JESUS. SEEK HIS FACE. SEEK HIS DIRECTION

Barbarians are married to and allow their emotions to dictate their choices.

YOU ARE NO LONGER MARRIED TO YOUR EMOTIONS, BUT TO JESUS. SEEK HIS FACE. SEEK HIS DIRECTION

God speaks to individuals differently.

Some people are visual.

God speaks to individuals differently.
Some feel what the other person is experiencing.

God speaks to individuals differently.

Some hear or receive ideas or thoughts from Holy Spirit.

What you hear from Holy Spirit will never contradict the written Word of God!

Practice listening to Holy Spirit.

Ask yes and no questions.

D. How to test the spirit.

1. Have the person look you in the eye or command the spirit to look you in the eye, in the name of Jesus.

2. Then “I command the spirit, in the name of Jesus, tell me who you serve.”