

Chapter 3

MINISTRIES

Ministering to women in matters of Christian marriage, apologetics, and faith

Discernment Pocket Guide

Going to church, a Bible study, or a Christian conference? About to start a Christian book, listen to a Christian podcast, or read a Christian blog post? Whatever Christian content you are about to take in, don't forget your Bible, discernment, and this guide. They can help you to avoid or escape the snare of false teachings. Keep this guide handy! Keep it with your Bible. Make copies and share them with your sisters in Christ.

For more details, see my blog post [Learn Discernment and Stay Safe from False Teachings](#).

1. Get your Bible and get ready to use it now.
2. Humbly ask the Lord to help you distinguish truth from error.
3. Don't automatically accept everything you read or hear as truth.
4. Use brain power and think through anything that does not sound right.
5. Take notes and review them later.
6. Identify the main focus of the message.
7. Notice how God is portrayed. Is there a biblical view of Him?
8. Is the Bible used as the standard for truth or something else?
- 9. Does any part of the message contradict the Bible?**
10. How often is the Bible quoted?
11. Are any verses taken out of context?
12. Is good exegesis (digging out the original meaning of the text) practiced?
13. Is a good Bible version being used?
14. What gospel message is given, if any?
15. Is the message given worth less than the gospel?
16. Is there a "New" message?
17. Is there a claim to speak for or from God?
18. Is there a heavy reliance on emotionalism?
19. Are wrong definitions given or unbiblical concepts used?
20. Is biblical Christianity set apart as unique?

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