

House On The Rock Life Group Study outline

February: The Manifestation of Sons

Week 2 – Discernment is key

Introduction

Another way to say Discernment is “they-are-not-the-same-ment”. For example, it is not usually particularly difficult to tell the difference between the two parents within a household. You would not need discernment for that, only common sense. What if they had two identical children? You would need a combination of common sense and discernment to tell the difference. What if you needed to tell the gender of the children while they were still in the womb? Common sense may not be very helpful here. You would need a special kind of discernment (the ultrasound type and appropriate training) to be able to tell. While these are only light-hearted illustrations, the responsibility of sonship means that we must be able to seek and discover the truth, especially where that truth may be hidden. Today we will try to understand what it means to be discerning, and how we can walk in discernment.

Pilot text

Heb 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.

- What is the difference between wisdom and discernment? [Open discussion]
- How to walk in discernment
 - 1 Cor 12:10, 1 Sam 16:7, Isa 11:3-4, Heb 5:14
- In what areas of life do we need discernment the most? [open discussion]
- Take home actions
 - How can you apply discernment in your specific, everyday life?

Note:

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