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SUNDAY MESSAGE NOTES AND INTERACTIVE PDF

Spiritually Discerned

The Holy Spirit and the Word train believers to recognize spiritual truth, resist deception, grow into maturity, and fulfill God's purpose in the last days.

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Spiritually Discerned	Pastor Jason Gillick
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Sunday, May 3, 2026	1 Corinthians 2:12-16

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NOTES

Truth to carry into the week.

01 A Spirit-filled life depends upon active cooperation with the Holy Spirit.

- Believers are commanded to remain continually filled with the Spirit rather than controlled by the flesh. ([Ephesians 5:18](#))
- The Holy Spirit helps in weakness, gives life to the mortal body, and keeps believers from spiritual stagnation. ([Romans 8:11](#), 26)
- Church gatherings and everyday life should make room for His direction, healing, joy, and power. ([2 Corinthians 3:17](#))

"We want the Holy Spirit to have His way."

STUDY [Ephesians 5:18](#); [Romans 8:11](#); [Romans 8:26](#); [2 Corinthians 3:17](#)

02 The Word and the Spirit work together to produce life, stability, and true understanding.

- Scripture provides the revealed truth by which every experience and voice must be judged. ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#))
- The Spirit gives life and illumination so the Word is received relationally rather than reduced to empty formality. ([2 Corinthians 3:6](#))
- Communion with the Holy Spirit never competes with Scripture; He leads believers into the truth Jesus revealed. ([John 16:13](#))

“It’s the Word and the Spirit together.”

STUDY [2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [2 Corinthians 3:6](#); [John 16:13](#)

03 Spiritual wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit to hearts that are humble, yielded, and growing in maturity.

- Faith rests in the power of God rather than persuasive human wisdom. ([1 Corinthians 2:4-5](#))
- God reveals His hidden wisdom and deep things through His Spirit. ([1 Corinthians 2:6-10](#))
- The Spirit teaches believers to compare spiritual things with spiritual things. ([1 Corinthians 2:12-13](#))

“You have discernment by the Holy Spirit.”

STUDY [1 Corinthians 2:4-13](#)

04 The natural mind cannot receive spiritual truth until a person is born again and yields to the Spirit of God.

- The natural person regards the things of the Spirit as foolish because they must be spiritually discerned. ([1 Corinthians 2:14](#))
- The spiritual person judges what is presented while remaining submitted to the mind of Christ. ([1 Corinthians 2:15-16](#))
- New birth and the indwelling Spirit open the heart to receive what God freely gives. ([John 3:5-6](#))

“It is spiritually discerned.”

STUDY [1 Corinthians 2:14-16](#); [John 3:5-6](#)

05 Discernment strengthens through practiced use of the Word, fellowship with the Holy Spirit, and obedience.

- Mature believers train their spiritual senses to distinguish good from evil. ([Hebrews 5:14](#))
- Growth into the fullness of Christ protects the church from every wind of doctrine and deceptive scheme. ([Ephesians 4:13-14](#))
- Speaking truth in love allows every part of the Body to grow and edify itself. ([Ephesians 4:15-16](#))

“Communion with the Holy Ghost and His Word is how you grow and are strong and have discernment.”

STUDY [Hebrews 5:14](#); [Ephesians 4:13-16](#)

06 Discernment is essential in the last days because deception often comes through religious voices and appealing doctrine.

- Jesus’ first warning concerning the end times was that no one should deceive His followers. ([Matthew 24:3-5](#))
- People will turn from sound doctrine toward teachers who affirm their own desires and fables. ([2 Timothy 4:3-5](#))
- Love must abound together with knowledge and discernment so believers approve what is excellent and remain sincere. ([Philippians 1:9-11](#))

“Take heed that no one deceives you.”

STUDY [Matthew 24:3-5](#); [2 Timothy 4:3-5](#); [Philippians 1:9-11](#)

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How will you grow in discernment?

Where do you need to cooperate more intentionally with the Holy Spirit in everyday life?

Are you relying on the Word without communion with the Spirit, or experience without biblical grounding?

What voice, doctrine, or influence needs to be tested more carefully before you receive it?

What practice will help train your spiritual senses to discern good and evil with greater maturity?
