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Subject: Biblical Discernment vs. Having a Critical Spirit?

Posted by [Abiding](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2008 19:40:51 GMT

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What is the difference between true Biblical discernment and having a critical spirit?

Most would agree there's a serious lack of true Biblical discernment in the Church, and when someone does speak out against error, they're often labeled as having a critical spirit.

I posted this question in the Bible Issues section so we could discuss it in light of God's Word. (As opposed to a definition like, "If I think it, it must be true Biblical discernment, but if you disagree with me, you've got a critical spirit." )

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Subject: Re: Biblical Discernment vs. Having a Critical Spirit?

Posted by [Abiding](#) on Fri, 12 Sep 2008 23:48:44 GMT

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An excellent response, Hombre. I appreciate you taking the time to respond with such clarity --it can be a somewhat muddled topic. At least it was to my mind when I recently attempted to define the difference --I didn't want to fall back on, "Well, I know the difference, but I don't know if I can explain it well to you!" I think you explained it very well.

(Others feel free to jump in, too, of course! )

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