

# Measured Discernment — Wisdom from Solomon Unpacked

## For Our Present Age

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### Stanza 1

**“I sought not gain in markets rising fast,  
Nor fame that flickers, trending then is past.  
But asked for sight to judge what’s false and true,  
A heart aligned with what endures from You.”**

This stanza reflects the same posture seen in  
**1 Kings 3:9–11**—the request for discernment over personal gain.

Old Testament anchor:

- **Proverbs 23:4–5** — Do not wear yourself out to get rich
- **Psalms 119:36** — Incline my heart to Your testimonies

New Testament reinforcement:

- **Matthew 6:33** — “Seek first the kingdom of God...”
- **James 1:5** — “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God...”

👉 Leadership insight: In a world chasing gain and visibility, discernment begins by seeking **what is eternal over what is immediate**.

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### Stanza 2

**“For countless voices fill the air each day,  
Through screens that shape the thoughts that guide our way.  
They speak with strength, as if their claims are right,  
Yet cloak confusion in convincing light.”**

This reflects the reality of competing influences and deceptive voices.

Old Testament anchor:

- **Psalms 12:2** — Flattering lips and double hearts
- **Proverbs 14:12** — A way that seems right but leads to death

New Testament reinforcement:

- **1 John 4:1** — “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits...”
- **2 Corinthians 11:14** — “Even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light”

👉 Leadership insight: Not everything that sounds right—or looks right—is from God. Discernment requires **testing the source, not just hearing the message.**

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### Stanza 3

**“The simple scrolls, receiving all he sees,  
And forms his path by every passing breeze.  
But wisdom waits, refusing hurried sight,  
And tests each voice before it claims what’s right.”**

This stanza captures the danger of passive consumption and reactive thinking.

Old Testament anchor:

- **Proverbs 14:15** — The simple believes every word
- **Proverbs 18:13** — Answering before hearing brings folly

New Testament reinforcement:

- **Ephesians 4:14** — Not tossed to and fro by every wind of doctrine
- **Acts 17:11** — The Bereans examined the Scriptures daily to verify truth

👉 Leadership insight: Discernment slows down. It does not absorb—it **examines.**

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### Stanza 4

**“Let not your judgment bow to crowd or trend,  
Nor shift with winds that rise and quickly bend.  
For truth is not what gathers loud acclaim,  
It stands unchanged, though all the world may claim.”**

This stanza contrasts cultural approval with God’s unchanging truth.

Old Testament anchor:

- **Proverbs 29:25** — Fear of man brings a snare
- **Psalms 119:89** — God’s Word is settled forever

Kings warning:

- **1 Kings 11:4** — Solomon’s heart turned by influence

New Testament reinforcement:

- **Romans 12:2** — Do not be conformed to this world
- **Galatians 1:10** — Seeking approval of God, not man

👉 Leadership insight: Discernment refuses to let **popularity define truth**.

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### Stanza 5

**“God’s Word remains the lamp before your way,  
Unmoved by time, untouched by man’s display.  
Bring every thought beneath its steady line,  
And what holds fast will bear the mark divine.”**

This stanza centers discernment firmly on Scripture as the measuring line.

Old Testament anchor:

- **Psalms 119:105** — Your Word is a lamp
- **Proverbs 30:5** — Every word of God is pure

New Testament reinforcement:

- **2 Timothy 3:16–17** — All Scripture is God-breathed and equips
- **Hebrews 4:12** — The Word discerns thoughts and intentions

👉 Leadership insight: Discernment is not intuition—it is **submission to Scripture as the standard**.

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### Stanza 6

**“So guard your heart in all that you receive,  
Not every voice is one you should believe.  
For those who walk where God’s clear truth is known,  
Will lead with wisdom greater than their own.”**

This final stanza emphasizes posture: guarding, humility, and dependence.

Old Testament anchor:

- **Proverbs 4:23** — Guard your heart
- **Proverbs 2:6** — The Lord gives wisdom

Psalms foundation:

- **Psalms 25:9** — He guides the humble

New Testament reinforcement:

- **Philippians 1:9–10** — Abound in knowledge and discernment
- **Colossians 2:8** — Beware of being taken captive by false philosophy

👉 Leadership insight: Discernment flows from a **guarded heart, a humble posture, and a life rooted in God's truth.**

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### **Closing Reflection**

Measured Discernment in our age requires more than awareness—it requires **testing**.

- Test the voices (**1 John 4:1**)
- Test the message against Scripture (**Acts 17:11**)
- Test the fruit it produces (**Matthew 7:16**)

Because in a world full of influence, the question is no longer:

**“What am I hearing?”**

But rather:

**“What am I allowing to shape me—and has it been tested by God's Word?”**