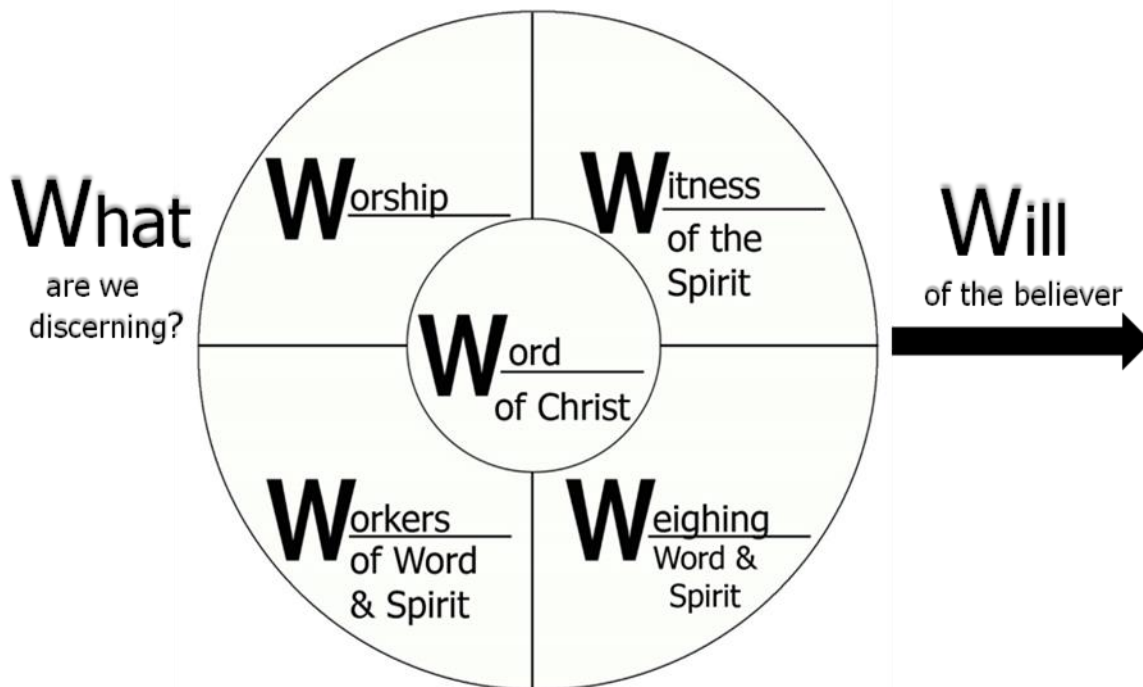


7 Movements of Discernment



And 2) let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you were
3) called in one body, and be thankful. Let the 1) Word of Christ richly dwell within
you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with 4) psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And
whatever you do in Word or deed, 5) do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks through Him to God the Father...
Colossians 3:15-17 NASB

- ***What:*** We define what we are discerning, in a clear “yes” or “no” manner. If the question isn’t clear, neither will our discerning.
- ***Word:*** Any discerned matter must have a Biblical “yes” or the answer is “no”. The wheel will not turn unless the hub is central.
- ***Witness of the Spirit:*** God “testifies” by righteousness, peace and joy in the discerner
- ***Weighing:*** Here we use our best thinking (though God has regularly trumped that before!). Still the mind can be yielded to the Lord, which can be an instrument for God to speak
- ***Workers of Word and Spirit:*** Here, Unbiased Bible-believing, Spirit-led intercessors join in the discerning. This helps to ferret out personal bias.
- ***Worship:*** After the decision is made, there should be an increase in intimacy with God. He will not distract us from Himself.
- ***Will:*** We set our will to get the task done, develop a budget, a timeline, find workers, tell our governing boards, cast a vision, etc.