

“This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons.” – Luke 12:24



# Introduction



- **And all the multitudes were amazed and said, “Could this be the Son of David?” (Matt. 12:23)**
- **The Holy Spirit is a discerning Spirit**
- **“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.” (1 Jn. 2:27)**

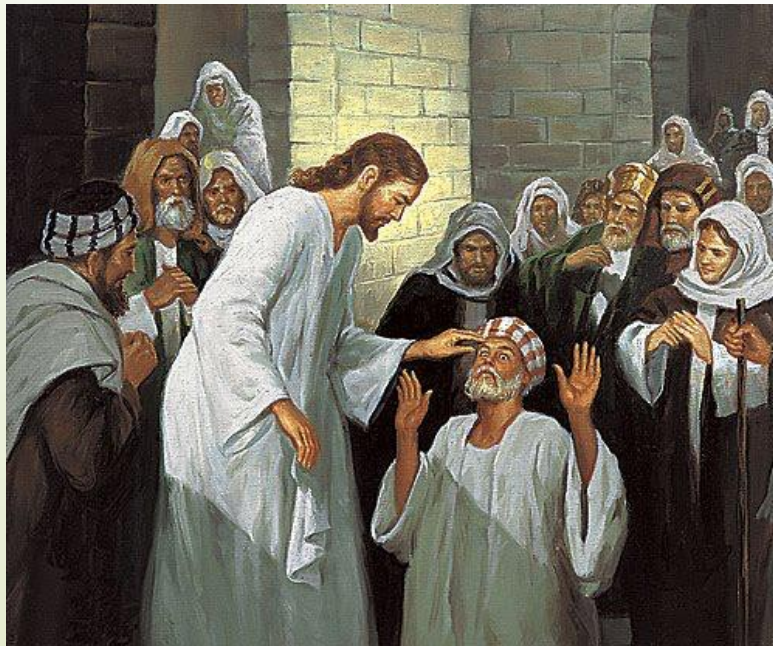


# A Discerning Spirit

Four Questions to Help Us Discern What is  
from God

# 1. Is it Reasonable?

- Reason and logic
- Sin can cloud sound reason
  - Samson
  - Pharisees



## 2. Does it cause Division?

- **“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”**  
(Matt. 12:30)
- Will it cause division in the gospel or confuse the truth?
  - **“Do you suppose that I came to give peace on earth? I tell you, not at all, but rather division.”** (Lk. 12:51)
  - Abraham



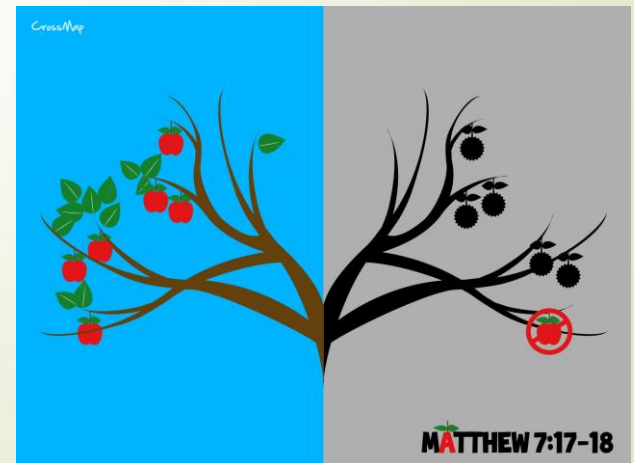
### 3. Is there blasphemy against the Holy Spirit?

- Is there blasphemy against the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church or in the life of a believer?
- Priesthood
- Baptism
- Repentance
- Forgiveness



## 4. What kind of fruit does it bear?

- **“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things.” (Matt. 12:35)**





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