

# Discerning the Difference Between:

## The Conviction Of The Holy Spirit

- 1. TONE OF VOICE:** The gentle, loving voice of our Father, appealing, entreating, beseeching, and inviting our return to Him. (Song of Songs 2:8; Hosea)
- 2. SPECIFIC:** The Holy Spirit, points out one needed area only. To make one choice of will. Conviction deals with that sin committed. (John 16:13)
- 3. ENCOURAGEMENT:** God always encourages us to trust Him, and rely on His willingness and power to save and to keep. (Isa. 41:10; 1 Cor. 15:57, 58)
- 4. A NEW CREATION IN CHRIST:** We are a new man in Christ by grace through faith. God has once and forever accepted the believer in His Son Jesus Christ. In Him we are new. 2 Cor. 5:17
- 5. GOD DRAWS US INTO CHRIST:** The Holy Spirit continually draws us closer by revealing the Father. Granting a heart of repentance, love, faith, humility toward Him, and dependence upon Him. (Rom. 8:32)
- 6. GOD DRAWS US INTO FELLOWSHIP:** The Holy Spirit unites us together in our weaknesses unto one Body. (1 Cor. 12)
- 7. BUILDS FAITH IN THE WORD OF GOD:** The Spirit brings us continually back to the Word of God. He states facts, reveals truths, and principles of faith so we stand against Satan. (Mat. 4:2-11; Eph. 6:17)
- 8. GOD SPEAKS POSITIVE WORDS & SCRIPTURES:** The Spirit edifies and encourages us with positive Scriptures. He does not bring condemning and negative verses to our mind or during our reading. (Eph. 3:20)
- 9. GOD CORRECTS AND DISCIPLINES:** This is not a negative exercise but a positive strengthening and liberating, necessary for spiritual growth. (Hebr. 12)
- 10. REASSURES:** God's Spirit reassures us of His love, forgiveness and grace. That He will never, leave us nor forsake us. (Hebr. 13:5)

*Always remember that the Word of God is the truth and Jesus is "the Way, the Truth and the Life"*

## Condemnation of The Devil

- 1. TONE OF VOICE:** The Devil's tone of voice is accusing, mocking, confusing and questioning.
- 2. INDIRECTNESS:** Satan always generalizes. He generates guilt and hopelessness.
- 3. DISCOURAGEMENT:** His strongest weapon. Says you're not important, you're worthless. You'll never make it.
- 4. DWELLS ON THE PAST:** He wants you to remember the bad past in unbelief and despair. The old life is brought up. (He is a liar and always will be a liar. (John 8:44).
- 5. SPIRITUAL SEPARATION:** Gives feelings of worthlessness, rejection and shame. Distorts the Image of God. Produces fear towards God.
- 6. ISOLATES:** He plants suggestions of independence, self-importance, strife.
- 7. PRODUCES FEELINGS:** He tells you that your feelings are the truth. Draws you into neg. feelings towards God, others, self, work, Church etc.
- 8. NEGATIVE SCRIPTURES:** Satan attempts to bring unrelated condemning verses to your attention. He uses the law against you.
- 9. SATAN CRUSHES:** His attacks are to destroy and crush anyone he can get in his grip.
- 10. SATAN ACCUSES:** As the accuser of the believers continually lies that God doesn't love them anymore, their sins are too big.

*Always remember the words of Jesus about Satan: "He is a liar, and the father of it."*