

***PEOPLE
OF THE
WAY:
FAITH AS
JOURNEY
TO GOD***

*July 2019
through
June 2020*



PENGUIN CLASSICS

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The Pilgrim's Progress

*The Body
of the
Divine
Spirit:*

Bloom Where Planted

Lent
2019-2020

*Open Yourself to
Flower!*



The Way of Truth



For me: A simple life has much to recommend about it ... it eliminates a lot of poor choices ...

Provided the simple life is chosen, rather than forced on by someone who steals from you, leaving you destitute, poor, without a way to support life ...

IF YOU TELL THE TRUTH
YOU DON'T HAVE TO
REMEMBER ANYTHING
- MARK TWAIN

We all should care: Often the way thievery works is to not tell the truth ... someone tells a story that seems believable, but the story doesn't really shed light on the issue. Instead it veils our thinking in darkness, making it harder to decide what is right ...

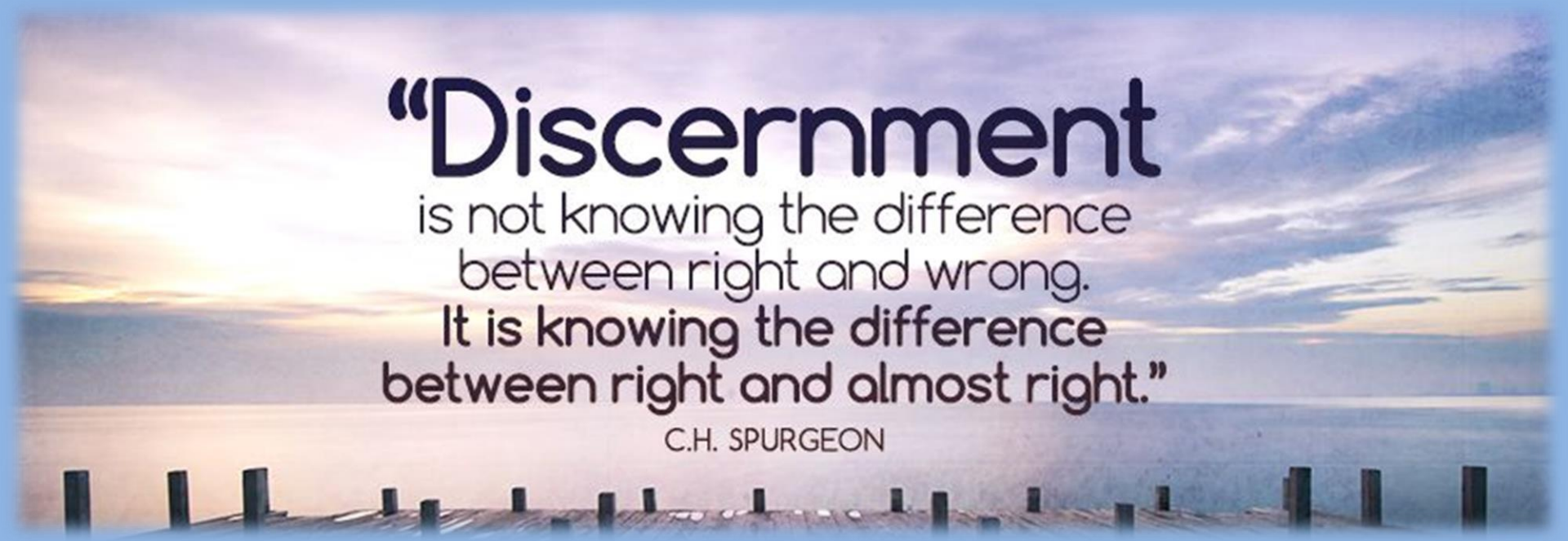


What the Word of God tells us: If we think the misinformation present today is unique to us, that we are so special ... wake up.

Clear back through the Bible there is lying (to self and others), misinformation, subterfuge, cloaking actions in darkness, to hide what is really happening ...

The parable of the wicked husbandman has timeless relevance as a powerful picture of a failure of stewardship. The stewards of the vineyard had betrayed their trust. It depicts the subtle way in which men reject their status as trustees ... & come to think of themselves as outright owners, w/landlord forgotten ...

The owners of this church, who will be here living with the decisions of today (60 yrs from now) ... are our children. We, the adults are simply stewards/trustees of something that is not ours ... we are wise to temper the idea that we own this place ...



“Discernment
is not knowing the difference
between right and wrong.
It is knowing the difference
between right and almost right.”

C.H. SPURGEON

A good quote: discernment is knowing right from wrong, it is knowing right from almost right. We could consider ourselves a church that rents space from someone else ... the next generation. We are to be about mission and evangelism, and raising up present and future disciples of Christ.



As we go forth, let us remember about
“rendering to Caesar. It is not enough to be
“against Caesar”, we must be for God—
without limit.

Are we the image of God? Are we the body of Christ in the world? Would Christ speak the way we speak to others?

This week of Lent, let us seek to live a life that makes God's grace visible. Amen.

*"Everyone's task
is to discern and respond
to the presence and activity
of the Spirit."*

John Paul II