

— FOR EVERYONE · CHAPTER 6

The Six Discernment Tests

When you sense God may be speaking through a dream, an impression, a verse or a word from someone else, walk it through these six tests before you act. Then watch for the signals that say slow down.

Testing does not weaken revelation. Testing protects revelation.

CHAPTER 6

— THE SIX TESTS

Check each one

☐ **1. The Scripture Test** · Isaiah 8:20

Does this align with the written Word of God? If a dream, impression, or perceived guidance contradicts Scripture, reject it — no experience overrides God's Word.

☐ **2. The Character Test** · John 14:9

Does this reflect the nature of God revealed in Jesus? A word may break no specific verse and still fail His character — pressuring through fear, flattering pride, or encouraging isolation.

☐ **3. The Fruit Test** · Matthew 7:15–20

What does this produce — peace, humility, and obedience, or fear, pride, and confusion (Galatians 5:22–23; James 3:17)?

☐ **4. The Jesus Test** · John 16:13–14

Does this draw me closer to Christ and glorify Him? If a word makes you feel important but not surrendered, slow down.

☐ **5. The Counsel Test** · Proverbs 15:22

Would mature, Scripture-grounded believers affirm caution, clarity, or concern? Be wary of guidance that makes you resistant to counsel.

☐ **6. The Time Test**

Does this remain clear and confirmed over time, or fade once emotion passes? Not everything requires instant action — patience is often wisdom.

— WARNING SIGNS

Six signals to slow down

Urgency that bypasses wisdom

Fear often says, “act now or everything will be ruined.”

Direction that isolates you

Deception grows away from accountability.

Fear disguised as warning

Anxiety can feel prophetic.

Flattery that inflates pride

A true word deepens humility, not self-importance.

Spiritual language excusing disobedience

“God told me” does not make sin holy.

Desire disguised as revelation

When we want something badly, we start reading everything as confirmation.

— REFLECT

What I am testing

What do I sense God may be saying?

Which tests does it pass, and which do I need help with?

Who can I ask to test it with me?

From *Recognizing God's Voice* by Kraig Kleeman, a one-page sheet on testing what you hear.