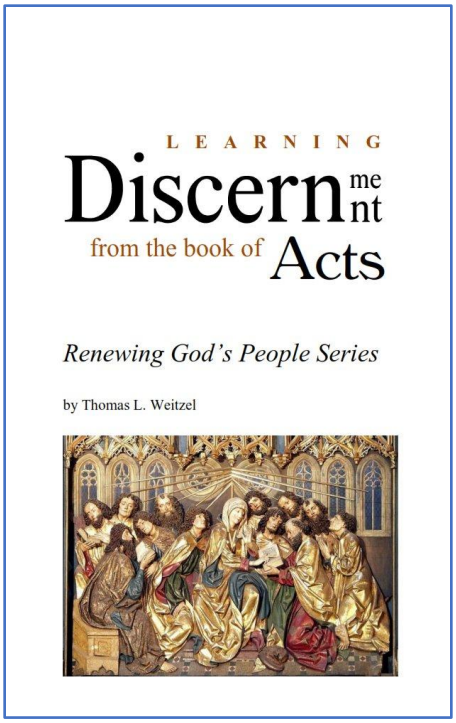
Thomas Weitzel Pens New Book on Discernment



Retired Pastor Thomas Weitzel has written a new book titled, *Learning Discernment from the Book of Acts*. In the introduction he states that in his many years of teaching discernment to pastors and lay leaders of congregations, he frequently pointed people to the book of Acts for more detail on discernment. This book follows up on that advice and plumbs the treasure that can be found for learning discernment through a close chapter-by-chapter examination of Acts.

The book begins by enumerating the biblical fundamentals that make discernment possible for the Christians in Acts and for us today, including the fact that God is self-revealing and wants his will to be known. Then the book reviews the importance and meaning of the giving of the Holy Spirit to Jesus as portrayed in Luke's Gospel account as a significant preliminary step those who discern in Luke's second volume, the book of Acts.

Because discernment is an activity of the Holy Spirit, both then and now, the study turns to a deep study of Acts by applying two questions to each chapter: 1. "What is the Holy Spirit doing to connect with Believers" and 2. "What are the Believers doing to stay connected to the Holy Spirit?" The answers to these questions provide a list of key verses that are then examined in detail for teachings about discernment.

In addition to the Bible Study, Pastor Weitzel provides illustrations of discernment from his own life and ministry to help bring the insights from the text into today's world. Each chapter ends with a review of significant learnings from the material that has been reviewed. And the book concludes by listing what it takes to be a Spirit-led people of God today as the people of Acts were Spirit-led.

Learning Discernment from the Book of Acts is available in print or ebook format at Amazon.com, and is a part of Pastor Weitzel's *Renewing God's People* series of books at Amazon.