

TEN WAYS YOU CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN:

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| <p><b>CONVICTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT</b></p>   | <p><b>CONDEMNATION OF THE ENEMY</b></p>   | <p><b>BRINGS POSITIVE SCRIPTURES</b></p>   | <p><b>BRINGS NEGATIVE SCRIPTURES</b></p>  |
| <p>1. <b>1. TONE OF VOICE</b><br/>Gentle and loving voice. Father, imploring, beseeching, and urging our return to him.</p>   | <p>1. <b>1. TONE OF VOICE</b><br/>Accusing, nagging, mocking voice, generating fear, causing confusion, projecting a sense of rejection, asking questions like, "Has God indeed said...?"</p>   | <p>Brings positive scriptures to your remembrance (Jn 14:26). He speaks of the unchanging nature of God; of His steadfast love towards us. He confirms that God remains faithful to His covenant (1 Jn 1:9) even when we prove faithless for a time (1 Jn 5:20). The Spirit reassures us that there is no law that is effective against us who rely on Christ's work (Col 2:14).</p> | <p>Brings negative scriptures to your mind. Shakespeare said, "The devil knows how to quote scripture to his purpose!" Satan threatens judgement, says, "Grace is denied because you didn't fulfil the conditions!" (There are no conditions to the grace of God!) Satan uses the law against you, to press you to justify yourself, and rely on your own righteousness. (Rom 10:3; Gal 2:16)</p> |
| <p>2. <b>2. SPECIFIC</b><br/>The Spirit says "Fix this one thing, and you will be free." He commands you to take one specific action! To make a choice of will. Conviction of the Spirit is specific to the sin. The Spirit defends you against your over-sensitive conscience.</p> | <p>2. <b>2. VAGUE AND GENERAL</b><br/>Satan generates a blanketing, choking sense of general guilt, as though everything is wrong and there is no one action you can really take to overcome. Often a sense of complete hopelessness and weakness prevails. Satan attacks you in general.</p> | <p>7. <b>7. DRAW YOU INTO FELLOWSHIP</b><br/>The Spirit sends others to minister to you in love. Thus you learn to accept others' words of encouragement and to appreciate one another and their ministry to you.</p>  | <p>7. <b>7. ISOLATES YOU</b><br/>Satan sows suggestions that cause you to withdraw from other Christians, and think they reject you. In your isolation, you then feel lonely, hurt, unworthy, rejected by others, angry.</p>  |
| <p>3. <b>3. ENCOURAGEMENT</b><br/>Is God's message. He encourages you to rely on God's power, not your own righteousness or strength.</p>   | <p>3. <b>3. DISCOURAGEMENT</b><br/>Satan centres his attack on you as a person. Cuts your self-image to ribbons. Tells you, you are weak and not one of God's chosen ones.</p>  | <p>8. <b>8. FACTS OF THE WORD OF GOD</b><br/>The Holy Spirit states facts, truth about you and God. Feelings must follow Faith in these Facts! The Holy Spirit gives you correct doctrine. Learn your theology to avoid being fooled by Satan.</p>   | <p>8. <b>8. FEELINGS</b><br/>The devil tells you that the way you feel is the way things really are! (ie feelings are truth!) Feelings of guilt, despair, hopelessness. Feelings of doubt of God's love for you. Feelings of frustration at God's unfairness--partially.</p>  |
| <p>4. <b>4. FORGET THE PAST!</b><br/>Is the Spirit Speaking! The Holy Spirit tells you your sin is forgotten, cleansed, removed, covered and put away, never to be held against you. (Jn 1:29; Ps 102:12; 1 Jn 1:7,9; Ps 51:7; Mic 7:19; Heb 10:17; Rom 4:7,8)</p>                  | <p>4. <b>4. REMEMBER ALL THE PAST!</b><br/>Remember all the past says Satan. Satan replays the video tapes of your past memories of sin and guilt and shame. He draws up accounts of your past sins, failures and offences that are under the blood.</p>                                      | <p>9. <b>9. DISCIPLINE</b><br/>Discipline of the Holy Spirit.</p>  | <p>9. <b>9. DESTRUCTIVE</b><br/>Destructive attack of the devil.</p>  |
| <p>5. <b>5. ATTRACTION TO GOD</b><br/>There is a pull of attraction towards God. He generates in you an expectancy of kindness, love, forgiveness, a new beginning with God's help. Holy Spirit speaks of your permanent relationship, the son of your Father. (Jn 20:17)</p>       | <p>5. <b>5. REJECTION AS THOUGH BY THE HOLINESS OF GOD</b><br/>Satan disguises himself as an agent of holiness! He produces the feeling that God has rejected you as unworthy and unholy. Satan speaks of God as your judge, and you as a miserable sinner. (Jn 3:17)</p>                     | <p>10. <b>10. REASSURES</b><br/>Reassures you of God's forgiveness and the fact that it is Christ who saved and continues to save you.</p>   | <p>10. <b>10. ACCUSES</b><br/>Accuses you of having committed the unpardonable sin.</p>   |