

Three Secrets of Discernment

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*"The one who states his case first seems right,
until the other comes and examines him."
(Proverbs 18:17, ESV)*



Secret #1: Set Your Goals

I want _____ so that _____.

- *Example: I want to learn how to share arguments for the existence of God so that I can minister better to my unsaved family members.*
- *Don't sing "YouTube take the wheel!" Be intentional about how your time is spent.*
- *Identify what you most need/want, for your benefit and for others.*



Secret #2: Raise the Bar

What would make someone *the most qualified* to help me with this?
(Education, Experience, Talents) > Who has that?

- *Know their positions—beliefs in one area influence beliefs in another.*



Secret #3: Know Your Limits

How much do I possess *those qualifications*? > How loosely should I consider their teaching?

- *General Rule: Assume complexity when qualified voices disagree*