

Examine Yourself 2Corinthians 13:1-10

Examination Necessary

While we delight in examination of others, self-examination is not nearly as pleasant a work

Yet Paul says "*examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith.*"

Self-scrutiny is one of man's most neglected duties

Regardless of difficulty, we must do as instructed by Scripture

Notice some characteristics of this examination

Examination Must Be Personal

Person is individually responsible - **Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 14:12**

Examination Must Be By Right Standard

The question is not:

Am I physically strong? Am I intellectually brilliant? Am I popular among men?

The question is Am I faithful to God?

Cannot be by standards and doctrines of men - **Isaiah 55:8-9**

It is foolish to trust our own feelings - **Proverbs 14:12**

Can't compare ourselves with others (Might compare to spiritual weaklings) - **2Corinthians 10:12**

Gods' word is the standard - **John 12:48; 1Corinthians 11:1**

Examination Must Be Thorough

Whether you are in the faith is not assumed, but proven - Thus the examination must be thorough

Need attitude of David - **Psalms 139:23-24; Ecclesiastes 12:14**

Seek to improve & grow stronger Lord day by day - **Hebrews 6:1**

Solomon, after trying vainly to find happiness in worldly things concluded that man never can be truly happy until he serves God faithfully

This examination must be thorough enough to look not only to strong points but weak ones as well

Make good points better while eliminating all bad points

Examination Must Be Honest

Individuals are prone to apply easy and partial test

Every man is tempted in self-examination to be biased in his favor, dwelling on strong points, and ignoring weak ones

Sooner or later our sins will catch up with us If not now then certainly in judgment - **Numbers 32:23**

Always best to admit our sins and obtain God's and man's forgiveness - **Proverbs 28:13; James 5:16**

Be honest and answer the following questions:

Have I obeyed from the heart the Gospel? - **Romans 6:17**

Am I faithfully living as a Christian? - **1Corinthians 15:58**

Am I sacrificing for the cause of Christ? - **Romans 12:1**

Examination Must Be Continuous

Favorable inventory for businessman one year does not automatically mean favorable every year

Nor can our examination be "one and done" - **1Corinthians 9:27; James 1:25; 1John 1:7; Revelation 2:10**

Examine Yourself

Our business is working for Christ - living as a Christian ought

No self-respecting businessman who finds errors in his management will allow them to stay

He realizes that if allowed to stay they will bankrupt him

The one who finds sin in his life and does not remove it will be lost eternally.

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