

Spiritual Cleaning **2Corinthians 13:1-5**

We Need To Clean

Often heard phrase – “You clean up well”

Referencing a change from grungy work/lazy look to “dressed up” event look

Usually just an ‘outward’ change

We should consider a Spiritual Cleaning as well

Paul’s admonition to the Corinthians applies to us today

Or maybe James’ instruction fits better here - **James 4:8**

Cleansing Is Individual

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

The question is not:

Am I physically strong? Intellectually brilliant? Popular among men?

The question is; Am I faithful to God?

Clean According To God’s Standard

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 be spiritual weaklings) - **2Corinthians 10:12**

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

Cleaning Must Be Thorough

Whether you are in the faith must be proven - **Psalms 139:23-24; Ecclesiastes 12:14**

Should seek to improve and grow stronger Lord day by day - **Hebrews 6:1**

Solomon concluded man is never truly happy til he serves God faithfully - **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

Must be thorough enough to look at both strong & weak points

Not just external, but cleansing our heart - **Jeremiah 17:10; 1Peter 3:3-4; Matthew 15:18; Luke 6:45**

We must make our good points better while eliminating all the bad points

Cleaning Must Be Honest

Hiding stuff in closets or under furniture won’t do - **Numbers 32:23**

It is 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**

Spiritual Cleaning Never Ends

An ongoing process of removing and purifying - **1Corinthians 9:27; James 1:25; 1John 1:7; Revelation 2:10**

We Have Been Purified And Set Apart

We have been cleansed by Christ’s Blood - **1Peter 1:22; 1Corinthians 6:11**

Shouldn’t we take the time to check for dirt?

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