

“Try Your Own Selves ...”

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We should regard self as the greatest enemy.

- Greater than Satan and this world, for these must have the cooperation of self to conquer anyone. James 4:7
- Matthew 16:24 *“If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.”*
- Control ourselves ... 1 Corinthians 9:27; 2 Peter 1:6

Self Examination Must Be Personal. Ezekiel 18:20

- Judgment is personal. 2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 14:12
- The question is not:
 - “Am I physically strong?” 1 Timothy 4:8
 - “Am I intellectually brilliant?” cf. 1 Corinthians 1:18ff
 - “Am I popular among men?” Galatians 1:10
- But the question is, “Am I in the faith? Am I faithful to God?” cf. Matthew 25:31-32

Self Examination Must Be By The Right Standard.

- Cannot examine our selves by others. cf. 2 Corinthians 10:12
- One cannot examine himself by the standards and doctrines of men. Isaiah 55:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18ff
- Foolish to trust feelings. Proverbs 14:12; Luke 18:9; cf. Matthew 7:23ff
- The standard by which we examine ourselves should be the high and infallible word of God. John 12:48

The Examination Must Be Thorough.

- Whether you are in the faith is not to be assumed, but proven. Psalms 139:23-24; cf. Psalms 19:7-14

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- We must grow. Hebrews 5:11-6:1; Ephesians 4:14
- We must strive to go on to perfection. Philippians 3:14

Self Examination Must Be Honest.

- Cannot be biased in favor of self. cf. Numbers 32:23
- Forgiveness obtained in obedience. 1 John 1:8-10

➤ *Proverbs 28:13-14 He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper: But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy. Happy is the man that feareth alway; But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into mischief.*

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The Examination Must Be Continuous.

- Paul exercised discipline regularly. 1 Corinthians 9:27
- Must look into the perfect law and DO. James 1:25
- When we find sin, we must confess it. 1 John 1:7
- Crown of life promised to the faithful. Revelation 2:10

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