

WHAT THE GENUINE MUST BE AWARE OF AS FATHER CHASTISES

"When Your judgments are executed, people learn righteousness" (Isaiah 26:9).

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The **Genuine** Are Delighted To Biblically Self-Examine

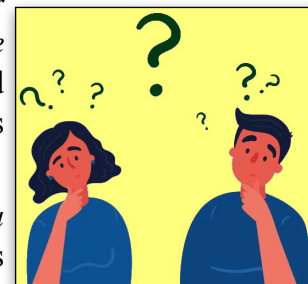
Our Father is genuinely concerned with your motives.

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

The need for self-examination is anchored in both Testaments. In our verses below, one focuses on unconfessed sin and the other on whether you are, in fact, *genuine*:

! "Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the LORD! Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven: 'We have transgressed and rebelled, and You have not forgiven'" (Lamentations 3:40-42). Before you partake of communion again, read 1 Corinthians 11:28-31 about self-examination and holding onto unconfessed sin. This is especially crucial for you when things are going badly for you. Ask the Spirit why!

! "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not realize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail the test!" (2 Corinthians 13:5). If you are *genuinely* born again, the indwelling Spirit of our Lord provides living confirmation (1 John 4:13).



The *genuinely* born again should be delighted to examine yourself about your faith walk because you deeply appreciate the One Who gave you His righteous commands, and because you know Whom you offend when you do sin. You want to know when you've sinned so you can repent and be cleansed and fully available. By contrast, the nominal Christian has no such motives.



"For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

In this Nugget we'll review some vital areas for the *genuine* to self-examine. Make sure that the Bible is your authority and standard in evaluating your motives and actions, and in discerning whether these align with our Lord's commands and your ongoing growth into His character.

"We know that we have come to know [our Lord Jesus] if we keep His commands. Whoever says, 'I know Him,' but does not obey His commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, love for God is truly made complete in him. This is how we are sure that we are united with Him: Whoever claims to be abiding in Him must walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:3-6).

This is your ongoing way of life in the Holy Spirit **if** you genuinely love and serve Jesus as Lord of your life: ➤ you apply our Lord's commands to your life, and ➤ you become more like Him through His transforming work in you. In your self-examination, realize that becoming more like your Lord is enhanced as you *"take captive your every thought to make it obedient to Christ"* (2 Corinthians 10:5). Self-examination also helps you identify where your thoughts and action are not like our Lord's.

Remember, our Lord's primary area of concern is your **motives**. The Bible affirms that He evaluates you primarily by **why** you do what you do. If you're *genuine*, keep in mind your heart motive in your relationship with Him: *"All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the LORD"* (Proverbs 16:2). *"I have found David... a man after My own heart; he will do everything I want him to do"* (Acts 13:22). What was David's heart motive? *"Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let Your glory be over all the earth"* (Psalms 57:5). Bringing Him glory is a motive of love He can bless!

Several essential attributes that our Lord would have you examine:

- Are your motives and actions based on your love for our Lord and for others? (Luke 10:27)
- Do you esteem others with humility having the same mindset as Christ? (Philippians 2:3-5)
- Do you treat others as you want to be treated? (Matthew 7:12)
- Do you quickly confess and turn from sins, replacing them with our Lord's way for you? (1John 3:6)
- Are you patient with and forgiving of others? (1Corinthians 13:4-6; Ephesians 4:1-3)
- Does your walk match your talk? (1Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17)
- Do you trust our Lord when you suffer? (Hebrews 12:5-11; Romans 5:3-5; James 1:2; 1Peter 2:21)
- Are you enamored and ensnared by the things of this world? (Luke 16:13; 1Timothy 6:10; 1John 2:15-17; James 4:4)
- Are you generous with all that Father has entrusted you with, or are you stingy and lacking compassion for those in need? (Isaiah 32:8; 1Timothy 6:18; 1John 3:17)

Remember that your response to each of these questions flows out of your motive, which is anchored in His commands as you become more like Him. He is not a God who's taken in by an image you portray, but rather One Who examines the inner man: *"For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart"* (1Samuel 16:7). This is why your self-examination must prioritize your motives, not your actions. Many within Christianity can fake others out by their "Christian actions." But our Lord Jesus, our holy Judge, won't be fooled:

❖ *"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and He will expose the motives of the heart. At that time each will receive their praise from God"* (1Corinthians 4:5; see also Romans 12:2).



The *genuinely* born again live guided by the Holy Spirit and are quick to repent when convicted by Him of attitudes or actions or words which aren't of Christ. The grateful heartfelt commitment of the *genuine* to their Father and Lord Jesus prompts them to be keenly sensitive about their righteous standing and walking in that fullness. Yes, our Lord paid the penalty for your sins. But that doesn't mean you don't sin at times and need to repent. Repentance is transformational—casting off the wrong and putting on the right—as we note in our [**Repentance Leads To Christ-like Character**](#) video series. (Isn't it time for you and your loved ones and faith family to view and discuss and put into practice these fundamental spiritual truths?)

The indwelling Holy Spirit in the *genuine* convicts you that holding onto unconfessed sin severs your fellowship with the Father. And because the *genuine* enjoy testifying about what He has done for them and through them, including answering their prayers, they sorrow when they realize Whom they offended. It's this loving sensitivity to their heavenly Father which distinctly separates the *genuine* from the nominal, those who are "Christian" in name only. We hope that if you're reading this, you are *genuine* and will delightedly examine yourself because of your loving appreciation for not only Who your Father and Lord are, but also for the grace that has been given you.

!!!Remember, the ultimate biblical reason for self-examination is to help you become more like our Lord Jesus. It is not a means for you to be oppressed under false guilt. If your sin has been forgiven, you are cleansed. Don't ever allow the devil to rouse false guilt in you over something of which you've repented. In Jesus' Name, send him away!

