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## SCRIPTURALLY BASED INSTRUCTION FOR THE CHRISTIAN – LESSON 30 DON'T NEGLECT TOTAKE INVENTORY AND SELF-EXAMINE – PART 1

- 1. Introspection** This means an inward "looking in" at one's own life and thinking. We suggest you carefully study TPBS Lesson #19, Introspection. Jesus told the twelve apostles: (Mt 26:21) "*Verily I say \_\_\_\_\_, that one of you shall \_\_\_\_\_ me.*" They "introspected" (V22): "*And they were exceeding \_\_\_\_\_, and began \_\_\_\_\_ of them to say unto him, Lord \_\_\_\_\_?*" They could well have asked if it was Peter, James, or John.
- 2. Examine Yourself** (1 Cor 11:28) "*But let a man \_\_\_\_\_ himself, and so let him \_\_\_\_\_ of that \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ of that cup.*" God is not mocked (Gal 6:7), has (Rev 2:18) "*\_\_\_\_\_ like unto a \_\_\_\_\_ of fire,*" and (Heb 4:13) "*all things are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unto the \_\_\_\_\_ of him with whom we \_\_\_\_\_.*" God is not fooled by hypocrisy and we must continually (2 Cor 13:5) "*\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves, \_\_\_\_\_ ye be in \_\_\_\_\_.*"
- 3. Focus On Yourself** (Mt 7:3-5) "*Why beholdest thou the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in thy \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ that is in thine \_\_\_\_\_ eye?*" It is easier to examine someone else! We have the tendency to say (V4), "*Let \_\_\_\_\_ pull out the mote out of \_\_\_\_\_ eye.*" An old saying: *Everybody knows what to do with a fence-jumping cow but the man that owns her.* Jesus said (V5) of one who is a hypocrite that he first must "*\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ out of thine own eye; and then \_\_\_\_\_ to cast out the \_\_\_\_\_ out of thy \_\_\_\_\_ eye.*"
- 4. Don't Major In Minors** Babies fret and cry. (Ps 37:1) "*\_\_\_\_\_ thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ of iniquity.*" (Prov 3:5) "*Trust in the LORD with \_\_\_\_\_; and lean not unto thine own \_\_\_\_\_.*" In short, attend to your own business (1 Thess 4:11) and allow God the benefit of the doubt in things beyond your control. If one spends too much time on piddling things, no time is left for weightier ones.
- 5. Is Your Word Good?** (Jas 5:12) "*Let your yea be \_\_\_\_\_; and your nay, \_\_\_\_\_; lest ye \_\_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_\_.*" A Christian's word is his bond. "*Provide things honest in the sight of all men.*" Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ If one's word is faulty, can he be trusted in anything? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. Am I Friendly?** (Prov 18:24) "*A man that hath friends \_\_\_\_\_.*" Do you like unfriendly people? \_\_\_\_\_ Does anyone? \_\_\_\_\_ (Mt 7:12) "*All things whatsoever ye would that men should \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ye even so \_\_\_\_\_.*" Unfriendliness is tantamount to rudeness. Do you wait for the other fellow to always speak first, or do you take the initiative? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Am I Modest In Demeanor & Dress?** Paul instructed women (1 Tim 2:9) to "*adorn themselves in \_\_\_\_\_.*" Does this mean that a man can dress immodestly with impunity? \_\_\_\_\_ Do I stop to think about how I may look in certain clothing, or if I wear certain ornaments? \_\_\_\_\_ Should I? \_\_\_\_\_ Where does your dress code come from? Society? God? Do you think about it often?