

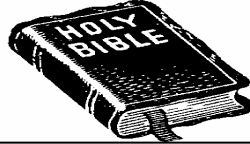
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## INTROSPECTION

- Looking At One's Inner Self** Latin: *introspectus* meaning to look inside; from *intro* + *specere* = to look, *SPY*. A reflective looking inward; an examination of one's own thoughts and feelings. Every Christian should "look inside" his mind. (a) With respect to *what he is*. (b) With desire to formulate *what he should be*. The word "examine" is used 5X in 5V KJV. (Ez 10:16) Regarding the strange wives: "And sat down in the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the tenth \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ the matter." This was public. Was it *also* a personal examination (ie: introspection)? \_\_\_\_\_ Justify your answer.  
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- The Second Example** (Ps 26:2) David's petition: "Examine me, O LORD, and \_\_\_\_\_ me; try my reins and my \_\_\_\_\_." Why should the child of God not mind submitting to an *outside* examination? \_\_\_\_\_ Why would one hesitate to self-examine? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Could it be that we are uncomfortable with what we might discover? \_\_\_\_\_ A child of God should not have a dark side or unacknowledged secrets within himself. (Prov 4:23) "Keep thy heart with all \_\_\_\_\_; for out of it are the \_\_\_\_\_ of life." Soul searching shows humility. Without it one is less than honest.
- A Third Usage** (1 Cor 9:3) Paul's defense of his apostleship: "Mine \_\_\_\_\_ to them that do \_\_\_\_\_ me is this." Is the word examine [GK: *anakrino* (an-ak-ree'-no)] referring to introspection in this verse? \_\_\_\_\_ Is most examination *self-examination*? \_\_\_\_\_ What rule do we desire to have applied when others examine us? Hint: It is neither silver nor iron. \_\_\_\_\_ Wouldn't it be wonderful if men weren't judgmental in their examinations? \_\_\_\_\_
- Instance Number Four** (1 Cor 11:28) Paul's instruction regarding Lord's Supper: "But let a man examine \_\_\_\_\_, and so let him \_\_\_\_\_ of that bread, and \_\_\_\_\_ of that cup." Why examine? \_\_\_\_\_ To make sure of what? \_\_\_\_\_ Should we do this every time we partake? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_ We recommend that you study TPBS Lessons #76 & #77, The Lord's Supper.
- Our Fifth Text** (2 Cor 13:5) Paul's final words in this 2<sup>nd</sup> letter: "\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves, whether \_\_\_\_\_ the faith." What reason is given for introspection here? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ If Christ is not in us we are (rest of verse) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Do We Have A Standard For Self Examination?** The last text (2 Cor 13:5) says do it. What source do we go to for guidelines? One's immediate answer would be the Bible. After all (Jn 12:48) we will be \_\_\_\_\_ by it. But is it the commands? The examples? The inferences? Is it all of them, plus any *other* principle whereby one may derive relevant instruction? \_\_\_\_\_ Name three biblical characters that we would do well to emulate and be prepared to explain why:  
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