

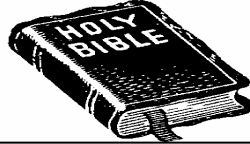
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## INTROSPECTION

A reflective looking inward: an examination of one's own thoughts and feelings.

- Looking At One's Inner Self** Every Christian should "look inside" his mind (a) with respect to *what he is* and (b) with desire to formulate *what he should be*. The word "examine" is used 5X in 5V in the KJV. Regarding the strange wives: (Ez 10:16) "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. \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Second Example** David's Petition: (Ps 26:2) "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? \_\_\_\_\_ The child of God should not have a hidden dark side. (Prov 4:23) "Keep thy \_\_\_\_\_ with all diligence; for out of it are the \_\_\_\_\_ of life." Soul searching shows humility. Without it one is less than honest. What sets man free (Jn 8:32)? \_\_\_\_\_
- A Third Usage** Paul's defense of his apostleship: (1 Cor 9:3) "Mine \_\_\_\_\_ to them that do \_\_\_\_\_ me is this." Is the word examine (GK: *anakrino*) referring to introspection in this verse? \_\_\_\_ Is most examination *self*-examination? \_\_\_\_
- Instance Number Four** Paul's instruction regarding Lord's Supper: (1 Cor 11:28) "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 carefully study Lesson Nos. 76 & 77 - The Lord's Supper. ~Ed~
- Our Fifth Text:** Paul's final words to the Corinthians: (2 Cor 13:5) "\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves, whether \_\_\_\_\_ the faith." What reason is given here for introspection? \_\_\_\_\_ If Christ is not in us, we are (rest of verse) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Our Example For Self Examination** Our last text (2 Cor 13:5) tells us to introspect. We shall be judged by (Jn 12:48)? \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus provided an \_\_\_\_\_ (Jn 13:15) of compassion and humility. (1 Pet 2:21) "Christ also \_\_\_\_\_ for us, leaving us an \_\_\_\_\_, that ye should \_\_\_\_\_ his \_\_\_\_\_." An irrefutable rule: (Ps 118:8) "It is \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ than to put \_\_\_\_\_ in man."
- Bible Examples** Paul wrote: (Phil 3:17) "Be followers together of \_\_\_\_\_, and mark them which \_\_\_\_\_ as ye have \_\_\_\_\_ for an \_\_\_\_\_." Paul on Israel: (1 Cor 10) "Now all these things \_\_\_\_\_ unto them \_\_\_\_\_." We must examine mistakes made so we don't repeat them. (Rom 15:4) "For whatsoever things were \_\_\_\_\_ were written for our \_\_\_\_\_." The insincere person (Jas 1:23-24) will behold "his \_\_\_\_\_ in a glass" and soon forget "what manner of man he was." Job is a wonderful OT example.