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Sunday, August 11, 2019

**“CONDUCTING A SPIRITUAL AUDIT”**

(Psalm 139:23-24)

Today as we begin a new school year and church ministry year, let's take some time to check our spiritual pulse. Here are some diagnostic questions to consider.

1. Am I content with who \_\_\_\_\_ ?
2. Am I becoming less religious \_\_\_\_\_ ?
3. Does my family recognize the \_\_\_\_\_ ?
4. Do I have a \_\_\_\_\_ ?
5. Do I have a quiet \_\_\_\_\_ ?
6. Have I defined my \_\_\_\_\_ ?
7. Is my prayer life \_\_\_\_\_ ?
8. Have I maintained a genuine \_\_\_\_\_ ?
9. Is my \_\_\_\_\_ ?
10. Is my “spiritual feeding” the right \_\_\_\_\_ ?
11. Is obedience in small matters \_\_\_\_\_ ?
12. Do I have \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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“The Lord’s lamp sheds light on a person’s life, searching the innermost parts” (Proverbs 20:27, CSB).

“I, the Lord, examine the mind, I test the heart to give to each according to his way, according to what his actions deserve” (Jeremiah 17:10, CSB).

“Let us examine and probe our ways, and turn back to the Lord” (Lamentations 3:40, CSB).

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test?” (2 Corinthians 13:5, NIV).

“Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith. Examine yourselves. Or do you yourselves not recognize that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless you fail the test” (2 Corinthians 13:5, CSB).

**1. Am I content with who I am becoming?**

*“Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed--that exhilarating finish in and with God” (Hebrews 12:2, Message).*

**2. Am I becoming less religious and more spiritual?**

*“Quit your worship charades. I can't stand your trivial religious games: Monthly conferences, weekly Sabbaths, special meetings-- meetings, meetings, meetings--I can't stand one more!” (Isaiah 1:13, Message).*

**3. Does my family recognize the authenticity of my spirituality?**

*“These are the family records of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among his contemporaries; Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:9, CSB).*

**4. Do I have a flow-through philosophy?**

*“On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.” He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit had not yet been given because Jesus had not yet been glorified” (John 7:37-39, CSB).*

**5. Do I have a quiet center to my life?**

*“Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has made the right choice, and it will not be taken away from her” (Luke 10:41, CSB).*

**6. Have I defined my unique ministry?**

*“We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10, CSB).*

**7. Is my prayer life improving?**

*“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you” (Matthew 6:33, CSB).*

**8. Have I maintained a genuine awe of God?**

*“When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him?” (Psalm 8:3-4, CSB).*

**9. Is my humility genuine?**

*“In the same way, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time” (1 Peter 5:5-6, CSB).*

**10. Is my “spiritual feeding” the right diet for me?**

*“Your words were found, and I ate them. Your words became a delight to me and the joy of my heart” (Jeremiah 15:16, CSB).*

**11. Is obedience in small matters built into my reflexes?**

*“His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master’s joy.’” (Matthew 25:23, CSB).*

**12. Do I have joy?**

*“Consider it a great joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you experience various trials, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance” (James 1:2-3, CSB).*

*“Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I’m about; See for yourself whether I’ve done anything wrong--then guide me on the road to eternal life”(Psalm 139:23-24, Message).*