

“Pass This Test!”

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2 Corinthians 13:1-14

INTRODUCTION

Exam question #1:

“What has the book of 2 Corinthians taught us about life and faith and ministry?”

Exam question #2:

“Are you genuinely ‘in Christ’—living under and for His Lordship?”

Ps. 26:2; 139:23-24

a. for Paul’s audience

Num. 16:28-33

b. for today’s audience

- “test”

Mt. 7:1-5, 15-20

- “examine”

1 Cor. 11:26; Gal. 6:4; Heb. 3:9; 1 Jn. 4:1

- “recognize”

+ fruit of *being*

+ fruit of *doing*

CONCLUSION

- George Whitefield’s daily self-examination...

1. Have I been fervent in prayer?
2. Have I used stated hours of prayer?
3. Have I prayed aloud each hour?
4. After or before every deliberate conversation or action, have I considered how it might tend to God’s glory?
5. After any pleasure, have I immediately given thanks?
6. Have I planned business for the day?
7. Have I been simple and controlled in everything?
8. Have I been zealous and active to do what good I could?
9. Have I been meek, cheerful, good-natured in everything I said or did?
10. Have I been proud, vain, unchaste, or envious of others?
11. Have I been controlled in eating and drinking? Have I been temperate in sleep?
12. Have I taken time for giving thanks?
13. Have I been diligent in studies?
14. Have I thought or spoken unkindly of anyone?
15. Have I confessed all sins?