

EXAM TIME
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2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10

One day we all will stand before the judgment seat of Christ to be judged for how we lived our lives on earth. This involves our conduct, character, decisions and motives. Knowing this, Paul instructs us to examine ourselves or take spiritual inventory to determine our spiritual condition.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5 (NLT)

Paul knew even he had to protect himself from falling victim to the influences of this world and the flesh. So, he suggests the need for everyone to evaluate their spiritual condition on a regular basis.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27 (NLT)

Paul daily disciplined his body to do God's will. He knew about the fight between the flesh and spirit. He knew the need to stay in shape spiritually as one does physically.

PHILIPPIANS 3:10-16 (AMPC)

Paul's goals: To know: Christ more intimately; to experience resurrection power, to be transformed; to attain to the highest level of spiritual development.

- **V13-14 (AMPC)** – The game plan: Forget the past; strive for the prize; maintain proper convictions and attitudes; walk in what we know is right.
- Our walk is threefold: Upward, inward and outward.
- **1 JOHN 2:6** – We're to hold ourselves to the highest standards.
- **COLOSSIANS 1:9-10 (AMPC)**

EPHESIANS 4:1 (AMPC) – A worthy walk includes:

1. Humility. EPHESIANS 4:2 (AMPC)

A. This is where all spiritual progress begins. Why? Because pride was the first sin. Pride is doing things our way, but humility does things God's way.

B. JAMES 4:6-7a – Humility surrenders to God, not self, or others.

C. JAMES 4:7b – Pride is demonic and must be resisted. Humility submits to God.

2. Unity. EPHESIANS 4:3

3. Maturity. EPHESIANS 4:11-15

4. Understanding. EPHESIANS 4:17-18

5. Love. EPHESIANS 5:1-2 (AMPC)

6. Caution. EPHESIANS 5:15

7. Submission. EPHESIANS 5:21 (NLT)

QUESTIONS

1. Has my walk with God improved? JOHN 17:3

2. Has my walk with people improved? ROMANS 12:18

3. Has my compassion for the lost increased? LUKE 19:10

4. Am I contributing to the success of the body? 1 PETER 4:10

5. Are my attitudes changing for the better? EPHESIANS 4:23 (TLB)

6. Do I measure my conduct by God's standard? PSALMS 119:9 (ISV)

7. How passionate am I about what God is passionate about? PROVERBS 6:16-19

- God hates pride, because He's humble; lying, because He's truthful; killing, because He's for life; wicked plans, because He's not devious; evil, because He's good; false testimonies, because His testimony is true; and discord because He's for unity.