

EXAMINING OURSELVES – 2
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REVIEW:

- **2 CORINTHIANS 13:5** – To examine means to inspect in detail to determine the condition of something.
- In context, we are to examine ourselves to determine our spiritual condition.
- We are to ask God’s help because He knows us better than we know ourselves: Peter’s denial and the Laodicean church that Jesus determined was poor, blind and naked.

CONTINUE:

LAMENTATIONS 3:40 (AMPC); HAGGAI 1:5 (HCSB); EPHESIANS 5:15 (HCSB)
Our spiritual journey began when we accepted Christ and continues daily until death, or His return. **LUKE 9:23 (HCSB)** The goal being to grow into Christ in all things.
EPHESIANS 4:11-15

THREE IMPORTANT PURSUITS

1. To know Christ and what it means to be a Christian.
 - A. **JOHN 17:3** Our ultimate goal is to know God intimately, to know His heart, His character and love.
 - B. This requires an expanding knowledge of biblical truth.
 - Father – Creator and loving Father.
 - Jesus – High Priest, mediator, advocate, intercessor, surety (guarantee).
 - Spirit – Comforter, counselor, helper, advocate, intercessor, strengthener, standby.
 - C. Applying biblical truth to our lives daily.

2. Obedience. **AMOS 7:7-8 (NLT)**
 - A. What plumb line? In the Old Testament it was the law, in the New Testament, it’s Christ.
 - B. **JOHN 13:34-35** Love is the new commandment.
 - C. **ROMANS 13:8-14 (NLT), JOHN 14:21-23 (NLT)**
 - D. **1 SAMUEL 15:22-23 (NLT)**

3. Service.
 - A. **1 SAMUEL 12:24 (NLT)** Our motivation.
 - B. **ROMANS 12:1** Crucifying the flesh, learning to know ourselves, our actions and attitudes, to measure how they conform to Christ (plumb line).
 - C. **COLOSSIANS 3:22-23 (NLT)** We serve Christ even when we work.
 - D. **1 CORINTHIANS 12:14-21** We all have a place in the body.

CONCLUSION:

The Christian life requires frequent self-inspection to ensure we’re growing in obedience and who we are in Christ.