

SELF-EVALUATION AND REFLECTION – 2

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REVIEW: 2 COR. 13:5 NLT

- Objectively looking at our spiritual condition.
- Our legacy: Jehoram (stench), Dorcas (fragrant).
- Ask for God's help.
- Guidance from the commandments: Is God first place? True worship. Bearing God's Name. Time, work, and rest.

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5.) Authority (EX. 20:12). How well do I submit to authority? Submitting to authority starts with parents. Difficulty in submitting to them leads to difficulty to others and even God (NUM. 12:1-16 MSG).

6.) Peace (EX. 20:13 NKJV). How well do I deal with anger? MT. 5:21-22 MSG Jesus traced murder back to anger. ROM. 12:17-21 We're to live at peace with all men, and not let uncontrolled anger to cause us to sin. HEB. 12:13-17 KJV, MSG).

7.) Purity (EX. 20:14). Have we established a moral compass? Have we drawn a line in the sand that we refuse to cross? Jesus traced adultery back to lust (MT. 5:27-28). Lust can lead to destruction if allowed to grow (1 THES. 4:1-7 NLT). Paul's comments: 1 COR. 6:9-11 NLT, ROM. 13:13-14. Paul encouraged sexual purity.

8.) Integrity (EX. 20:15). Am I a giver or a taker? God is a giver and Satan is a thief. ACTS 20:35 Jesus said it is better to give than to get, why: MT. 6:21 It expresses our love for God and promotes intimacy; JOHN 15:13 It conforms us to Christ's image; MT. 6:20 It's an eternal investment; LK. 6:38 NLT It brings temporal earthly blessings, PR. 11:24-25 NLT.

9.) Truth (EX. 20:16). How truthful am I? Lying highly offends God (JOHN 8:44). To circulate a false report is to sow seeds of evil (EX. 23:1 NKJV, NLT). Believers are to speak the truth in love to promote spiritual growth (EPH. 4:15-16 NKJV). PR. 12:22 NKJV, PR. 6:16, 19 NKJV.

10.) Contentment (EX. 20:17). Are we content with what we have? To covet means to be envious of what others have (EPH. 5:5 NKJV). God wants us to be content with what we have (1 TIM. 6:6-10), but doesn't limit what we can have. He doesn't want us coveting what others have because of how destructive covetousness is (2 SAM. 12:1-14). David broke the tenth and sixth commandments. He committed adultery and murder. God said: "You despised me. You took Uriah's wife to be your wife, and you gave my enemies an opportunity to speak evil of me".

Conclusion: To Be Continued.

