

Give Yourself Spiritual Checkups

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Text

2 Cor.13:5 - Examine yourselves to see if your faith is really genuine. Test yourselves. If you cannot tell that Jesus Christ is among you, it means you have failed the test-NLT

Objectives

- 1) To teach the importance of spiritual awareness.
- 2) To examine ourselves if our faith is genuine.
- 3) To check our spiritual condition.

Introduction

Paul emphasizes the purpose of faith is to bring salvation, We cannot please God without faith, and the result of genuine faith is a change of life. Have you ever asked yourselves about whether or not you have a genuine faith in Christ? Paul urges us to give ourselves spiritual checkups.

Lesson 1 **Why Awareness Of Spiritual Condition Is Important ?**

- a) Because Jesus will come when least expected-Matt.24:42-44
Illus: Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids-Mat 25:1-13
- b) Because our enemy is looking for some victim to devour.
1Peter 5:8-9
Illust: Ananias and Sapphira- They let Satan deceive them-Acts 5:3-6
- c) Because Jesus is expecting you to be fruitful and mercy has a limit-
Luke 13:6-9 Illust: Fig tree

Lesson 2 **Examine Yourself To See If You Have A Healthy Faith**

Principles of Faith

- a) Commitment is an essential part of faith-John 21:15-18
- b) Right actions are the natural by products of true faith.
James 2:18
- c) The results of faith is a changed life-1John 3:9

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Lesson3 **Factors To Be considered for Spiritual Checkups**

Check what kinds of fruit you produce - Matt. 12:33

- a) Words- The **words** we used-Matt. 12:35-37
- b) Work- John says the way we **act** can give us assurance that we belong to Christ. 1John 2:3-6
- c) Witness -Be a living example of Jesus' **Love**. John 3:34-35/ 1John 3:16-18
- d) Worship – John 4:23-24

Conclusion

When we go for a check up ,the doctor examine our bodies in order to determine the state of our physical condition. Likewise ,It is more important to examine our spiritual condition,because understanding that the state of our spiritual health is one of the most important things we can do in preparation for the Lord's Coming.