

The Wonder of Forgiveness

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examine
himself

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we tend to examine others first

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we find it hard to examine ourselves

Examine

dokimazo

δοκιμάζω

“to try to learn the genuineness of something by examination and testing, often through actual use.”

Judge

diakrino

διακρίνω

“to make a judgment on the basis of careful and detailed information.”

God is the best judge

Jeremiah 17:9–10

“The heart is deceitful above all things,
and desperately wicked: who can know
it? I Yahweh search the heart, I try the
reins, even to give every man according
to his ways, and according to the fruit of
his doings.”

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Psalm 139: 23–24

“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psa. 26:2; 11: 4–5; Prov. 5:21; Jer. 20:12; 32:19

God is the best judge

- The Word of God
- Trials

They work together

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Lamentations 3:39–41

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Genuine heart-searching
brings genuine worship.

Self examination is hard

1. We find it easier to find fault in others
2. We find it hard to see our own faults



Are we like Pharisees?

- Luke 15:1–7

Those that are lost—and those that are not

- Mark 2:15–17

Those that are sick—and those that are well

- John 9:39–41

Those that are blind—and those that can't see

The Pharisee view of sin

Sin = uncleanness

Offering = cleansing

Therefore: offering cleanses sin

Which?

Matthew 19: 18–19

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2. Thou shalt not commit adultery
3. Thou shalt not steal
4. Thou shalt not bear false witness
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Why callest thou me good?

- Keeping the Commandments on the surface isn't keeping the Commandments
- Examining self on the surface doesn't expose the real self