

~ **EXAMINE YOURSELVES** ~

Paul wrote, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves ..." (2 Corinthians 13:5). We all need to take time to look at our lives to see if we are living as God desires. I recently read a challenging poem which can help us "examine" our selves.

*Would I be called a Christian, if everybody knew  
My secret thoughts and feelings, and everything I do?  
Oh, could they hear Him speaking in everything I say;  
Are the words I utter, proving that I am of "the way"?*

*Would I be called a Christian, if everyone could know,  
That I am found in places that Jesus wouldn't go?  
Oh, could they hear His echo in every song I sing;  
In eating, drinking, dressing, would they see Christ my King?*

*Would I be called a Christian, if judged by what I read,  
By all my recreations and every thought and deed?  
Could I be counted Christ-like as I now work and play;  
Unselfish, kind, forgiving to others everyday?*



Examine your **mind**. Is your mind the mind of Christ? Paul instructed, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

Examine your **mouth**. Are your words becoming a Christian? The Scriptures warn us many times about the danger of uncontrolled speech (James 3:5-10).

Examine your **morals**. Does your behavior exhibit the morals of Christ or Satan? Our actions must show the world that we are people with Christian morals (Titus 2:14). - Author Unknown - via *Glad Tidings of Good Things*, Jacksonville, AL

**Defend My Cause**



We like to be defended! A defender is a valued and special friend. A special attachment is enjoyed.

God is our defender. Notice David's statement: "*Defend my cause and redeem me; renew my life according to your promise*" (Psalm 119:154).

Our greatest defense against Satan and his servants is God! In fact, God will not allow us to lose the case (cf. Heb. 2:14). God has never lost a case while defending His submissive children! No lawyer can boast of such a record! It's helpful to know also that His record will always remain unblemished!

When our cause is a righteous cause, we can approach our foes with the greatest of confidence. There should be no anxiety about the outcome!

The secret: have a cause that is defensible and march confidently against all foes.

-Dan Canter, *Bulletin Digest*

*God owes us nothing but gives us everything.*

*News & Notes*

**CARE & SHARE BEARS:** Each **Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.** All ladies are invited to participate in making small stuffed bears for sick and needy kids.

**SECRET SISTERS:** Reveal **next Saturday, Aug. 24th, 11:00 a.m.** at the Fellowship Building. Bring your August gift for your "sister". Questions: see Latisha Brown.

**GOSPEL MEETING & SINGING:** **Aug. 25-29 (Mon. - Thur., 7:00 p.m.),** Minksville (Cadiz), OH with Andy Robison. Additional details on the bulletin board.

**IDLEWILD DAY:** **Saturday, Aug. 31st.** Prices: Ages 2 & under, free; 3-59, \$23; 60+, \$21. Contact Betty Smith at 724-747-7653.

**LABOR DAY COOKOUT & PICNIC:** **Monday, Sept. 2nd, 1:00 p.m.** hosted by the Chester and St. Clair Ave. congregations at Thompson Park, Pavilion 1. Meat and drinks will be provided. Take a favorite dish, dessert, or snacks. All are invited. For additional information, call: (304) 387-1030 or (330) 386-6582.

**OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING:** **Sept. 22-26** with Charles Pugh.

**PANTRY:** Fruit cocktail.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** Mike Martin's sister-in-law, Kathy. She is undergoing cancer treatments.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** *At Home:* Russell Martin, Blondenia Orr, Arlen & Joann Webb, Doris Dunham, Chris Lamb (David Roach's sister). *FOX:* Mary Jane Bowers. *CROSSROADS:* Sarah Miller. *IN FLORIDA:* Ilene Rayl.

**Things To Consider In Life**

- by Rico Brown -

- ♦ War and chaos cannot abide where there is true peace. (James 3:17-18)
- ♦ Hate and malice cannot live where there is true love. (Ephesians 4:31-5:2)
- ♦ Indecision will not exist where there is true knowledge and wisdom. (2 Peter 1:1-8)
- ♦ Power struggles will melt away where all are truly equal. (Galatians 3:28)
- ♦ Wrong lust and desire cannot survive in the presence of a true hunger for righteousness. (Matthew 5:6 and Colossians 3:1-25)
- ♦ Doubt and fear vanish in the prayer of a faithful child of God. (Acts 4:29; 5:40-42)
- ♦ Lack of work in the Church ceases in the life of the one who feeds on the will of the Father. (John 4:34)
- ♦ Pride will flee away in the light of true humility. (James 4:6-8)
- ♦ Gossip and slander have no place where there is true caring for others. (2 Corinthians 7:12)
- ♦ Self pity and sorrow shrink into nothingness when grace and the promises of God are truly realized. (2 Corinthians 12:7-10)
- ♦ The empty heart of loneliness is filled with the fellowship of Jesus Christ the Savior (1 John 1:1-7)
- ♦ Every sin or circumstance that would keep us from God and Christ explodes and disappears at the power (Spiritual Dynamite) of the Word given to us in the Gospel. (Romans 1:16 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

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