

**9. Eph 4:28** *He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.*

- A. Do you underpay?
- B. Do you do very little in your work; are you lazy?
- C. Do you steal?

**10. Eph 4:31** *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.*

- A. Do you complain?
- B. Do you have a critical attitude towards any person or thing?
- C. Are you irritable or cranky?
- D. Do you swear?
- E. Do you gossip?
- F. Do you get angry, either in public or privately?
- G. Do you become impatient with others?
- H. Are you ever harsh or unkind?

**11. Eph 5:20** *.. always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- A. Have you neglected to thank Him for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good?
- B. Do you worry?
- C. Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His word?

**12. 2 Cor 5:9** *So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.*

- A. Have you neglected to seek to be pleasing to Him in all things?
- B. Do you carry bitterness toward God?
- C. Have you been dissatisfied with His provision or complained against Him in any way?
- D. Is there in your heart any unwillingness to obey God fully?
- E. Have you disobeyed some direct leading from Him?
- F. Are you angry at God?

**13 Col 3:9** *Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices*

- A. Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversation?
- B. Do you ever lie? Exaggerate? Cheat?
- C. Consider carefully – do you overcharge?

**14. 2 Tim 2:22** *Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.*

- A. Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex to stay in your mind?
- B. Do you read or watch materials that promote an ungodly world view?
- C. Do you read or watch pornography?
- D. Are you guilty of looking lustfully at a member of the opposite sex?
- E. Have you allowed yourself to adopt sinful behaviours or attitudes of the world?
- F. Is your manner of dress displeasing to God?
- G. Do you justify seeking satisfaction from any questionable source?

**15. Heb 10:25** *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

- A. Do you stay away from meetings where there is prayer and/or the gospel is preached?
- B. Do you whisper or think about other things while God's Word is being read or preached?
- C. Have you neglected or slighted private or family prayer and devotions?
- D. Do you find the Bible and prayer uninteresting?

**16. Heb 13:7** *“Remember you leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”*

- A. Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church or elsewhere?
- B. Do you rebel at requests given to you to help in the work of the gospel?
- C. Have you failed to pray regularly for your pastor and other spiritual leaders?

**17. James 4:6** *But He gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”*

- A. Do you feel that you are doing quite well as a Christian?
- B. Do you view yourself as not so bad or are good enough?
- C. Do you find it hard to be corrected?
- D. Are you stubborn?
- E. Do you insist on your “rights” or having things your way?

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# PERSONAL HEART SEARCH

## Spiritual Self-Examination Inventory



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## TWO TYPES OF CHRISTIANS

Many believers just want to live a harmless life, do good, avoid the “gross” sins, and fulfil their responsibilities. They don’t wage war on the world, or make strenuous efforts to promote Christ’s Kingdom. They do not aim at Spiritual Excellence, and are content with living up to the average accomplishments of the majority.

The second group, however, desires to abstain from every form of evil. They are passionate about doing good. They work hard at discovering Jesus’ mind, and long to walk, talk and resemble their Lord. Without hesitating, they say no to any pleasure that would disqualify them from the highest usefulness. They say no to what is forbidden or anything that would diminish their enjoyment of God.

The Spiritual Inventory is for those of us who long to be included in the second.

### THE GOAL

#### Of this Heart Search is to ...

1. Compare your heart with the heart of Jesus Christ alone, and not other people’s
2. Discover short-comings and areas of victory and strength
3. Promote confession and repentance
4. Raise the standard within your heart to the standard of God’s word, not the diluted standards of cultural Christianity
5. Evaluate not only actions and thoughts, but motives and desires
6. Point out sins: Done out of ignorance; Committed foolishly; Committed wilfully
7. Expose sin you may have deemed unimportant  
Encourage and equip you to be: Stronger in faith; Joyful in purity; Living in God’s love

**1. Matt 6:14-15** “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Is there anyone you:

- A. Hold a grudge against?
- B. Refuse to forgive?
- C. Hate?
- D. Do not love?
- E. Harbour bitterness, resentment, or jealousy against?
- F. Dislike to hear praised or well-spoken of?
- G. Justified a wrong attitude toward?

**2. Matt 6:33** “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- A. Is there anything which you have failed to put God first?
- B. Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom, desires or feelings, rather than seeking and following God’s will?
- C. Do any of the following in any way interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambition, pleasures, a loved one, friendship, desire for recognition, money, your own plans?
- D. Are you more concerned about what people think than what will be pleasing to God?
- E. Does your conversation, or heart, find joy over “things” rather than the Lord and His will?

**3. Acts 1:8** “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- A. Have you neglected to seek the lost for Christ?
- B. Have you neglected to speak of the Lord Jesus to the lost when prompted by Holy Spirit?
- C. Has your life (actions) shown the lost the Lord Jesus?

**4 John 13:35** “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- A. Are you secretly pleased over the misfortune of another?
- B. Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishment or advancements of another?
- C. Do you quarrel, argue, or engage in unfruitful discussions?
- D. Are there people whom you deliberately slight?

**5. 2 Cor 9:6-7** Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

- A. Have you robbed God by withholding His due of time, talents, and money?
- B. Have you failed to support mission work either in prayer or offerings?

**6. 1 Cor 4:2** Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

- A. Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord’s work?
- B. Do you sense the call of the Lord in certain areas of your life, ministry, but are apathetic to respond?

**7. 1 Cor 6:19-20** Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body.

- A. Are you depriving yourself of food?
- B. Are you hurting or cutting yourself?
- C. Are you using drugs?
- D. Do you drink alcohol?
- E. Do you smoke?
- F. Do you struggle with fantasies, pornography, and/or masturbation?
- G. Are you having sex outside of marriage?
- H. Have you crossed inappropriate physical boundaries with your boyfriend/girlfriend?

**8. Psalms 114:5** Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness.

- A. Do you take slightest credit for anything good about you, rather than give all the glory to God?
- B. Do you talk of what you have done rather than what Christ has done?
- C. Are your feelings easily hurt?
- D. Are you fake?
- E. Are you allowing feelings of inferiority to keep you from attempting things you should do in serving God?