



DAY 4: The Danger of Superficial Faith

KNOW IT!

- “This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me.” – Matthew 15:8 (ESV)
- “Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.” – 2 Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)
- “[H]aving the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ...” – Ephesians 1:18-19 (ESV)

It's easy to profess faith outwardly while hiding sin in our hearts and growing distant from God. Believers do it every day. True faith, however, requires a genuine relationship with Jesus, not just religious rituals or words. Superficial faith offers no real hope or transformation. Jesus should be the first one we go to with our cares, concerns, good news, and praise. If He's simply an afterthought to you, it's time to examine yourself.

Paul urges believers to self-examination, making sure that their faith is authentic and rooted in Christ. This inward look into our hearts and souls helps prevent apathy and complacency and leads us back to the cross and a deeper, more meaningful connection with God.

LIVE IT! SHARE IT!

- Assess whether your faith is merely outward or rooted in a deep relationship with Christ.
- Cultivate a sincere connection with God: talk to Him often in prayer, study His Word and continue with these daily devotionals, and make choices starting today that are driven by His love for you.
- Dedicate time daily to deepen your relationship with Jesus. Share with others the importance of genuine faith over mere religious formality.

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