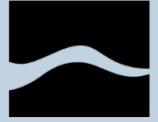


# SERMON NOTES

A SUFFICIENT EXAMINATION

**2 Corinthians 13:5-10**



**BIG IDEA:** Humble self-examination should be the regular practice of genuine Christians.

# APPLICATION GUIDE

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## DISCUSS

Why did Paul advise the Corinthians to examine themselves?

How could the Corinthians "fail the test"?

What does this passage reveal about Paul's concern for the Corinthians' spiritual welfare and regard for his reputation?

## APPLY

Examine your attitudes with the following questions and write out specific evidence of Christ in you. Don't expect perfection but test your heart's general pattern and life's direction.

Attitude	Question	Scripture	Evidence
Toward God	Are you dependent on God?	1 Cor 1:9, 26-31 2 Cor 1:3-4, 8-9	
Toward Christ	Do you trust in Jesus as the one who died for your sins? Do you love and long for him?	1 Cor 15:3-8 2 Cor 4:6; 5:1, 8-10, 21	
Toward the Holy Spirit	Are you filled with the Spirit's wisdom and power?	1 Cor 2:12-14; 6:19; 12:4-7 2 Cor 3:5-6, 17-18	
Toward the World	Do you love the world or the things of the world?	2 Cor 6:4-8	
Toward Sin	Are you concerned about your sin or indifferent to it?	2 Cor 7:1; 9-10	
Toward Other Believers	Do you love other Christians and long to be with them?	1 Cor 13:1-8 2 Cor 2:5-8; 8:1-5	
Toward the Lost	Are you concerned about souls who don't know Jesus and eager to tell them about him?	2 Cor 5:18-20	
Toward Suffering	Are you persevering through suffering with hope in God and the promise of heaven?	2 Cor 4:7-10; 16-18	
Toward God's Word	Do you believe the Scripture and desire to grow in your understanding and application?	2 Cor 4:1-2; 13:8	

Your answers to these questions may reveal that (1) you don't know Christ, (2) you may be an immature Christian who needs to grow in discipleship, (3) or you're caught in a pattern of sin. In any case, repentance and faith are your solutions. Turn from your sin and look to Christ in faith to save and transform you. Remember Jesus' words: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:27-28)

## COMMIT

What realistic, measurable goal could you set for your growth toward godliness this week?