



Study & Self-Examination

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I. Student Life

II. Disciplined Learning

Proverbs 18:15; 23:12

Acts 17:10-11

III. Disciplined Assessment

Lamentations 3:40

2nd Corinthians 13:5

IV. Eager To Grow

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & respond to the following:

It takes discipline to be a learner. A student must invest time and energy to acquire knowledge. Along the way it is necessary to assess progress—to ascertain if the work being done is achieving the result that is sought. Spiritual maturity is the fruit of intentional study in God’s Word and Holy Spirit empowered discernment.

When you take the time to learn from God’s Word and are intentional about progress in understanding and application, you are exercising spiritual discipline. Study and self-examination foster spiritual growth. God’s desire is that you grow, mature and bear fruit.

Are you growing? Is your desire to know God’s Word manifesting in personal study time or are you relying on others to do the work for you? Are you periodically assessing your progress in spiritual formation and maturity? Do you desire to be more like your Lord? Is Jesus both your Savior and your role model with respect to wisdom and conduct?

Prayerfully ask God to give you the heart of a student—a follower of Christ who endeavors to be a lifelong learner. Ask Him to help you understand your present spiritual condition. Thank Him for the opportunity to grow through time spent studying His Word and putting its truths in practice. Commit to be disciplined in your exercise of study and self-examination.