

Religion vs Relation
2 Corinthians 13:5-6
“Test & Examine Yourselves”

Beginning A NEW YEAR ON the “RIGHT” Foundation

5 Test and examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith [in Christ] and living your lives as [committed] believers. Examine, test yourselves [not me]! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves [by an ongoing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you unless indeed you fail the test and are rejected as counterfeit? 6 But I hope you will acknowledge that we do not fail the test nor are we to be rejected. (amp.)

INTRODUCTION:

New Year’s Resolutions

Types of EXAMS

Differences between Exams & Tests

3x - “yourselves”

Test _____

Examine _____

Faith _____

Recognize _____

I. – PROFESSION – of FAITH - Mark 6:12 / Luke 9:23 / Jn. 3:3

Test, Examine yourself IN Relation to HIS SON

II. – POSSESSION – of FAITH - Luke 6:46; 11:28 / 1 Jn. 5:2-3 / Jn. 14:15
Test, Examine yourself IN Relation to HIS WORD

III. – PROCLAMATION – of FAITH - James 1:22-25 / Titus 1:15-16 /
Eph. 6:6-7 Test, Examine yourself IN Relation to your LIFE

- I. – Is your **PROFESSION** Real
- II. – Is your **POSSESSION** Faithful
- III. – Is your **PROCLAMATION** Visible

We profess the Lord Jesus in everything we do and seek to glorify Him (1 Corinthians 10:31).

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” (Matthew 7:21–23).

9For this reason, since the day we heard about it, we have not stopped praying for you, asking [specifically] that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom [with insight into His purposes], and in understanding [of spiritual things], 10so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord [displaying admirable character, moral courage, and personal integrity], to [fully] please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God [with deeper faith, clearer insight and fervent love for His precepts];

(Col. 1:9-10) amp