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**See For Yourself**

James 1:22-25 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (23) For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: (24) For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. (25) But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. (KJV)

Another important part about examining ourselves is so that we can find the place in the body of believers that the Lord would have us in. Many put themselves in positions that our Lord never intended for them to be in, which results in a life of no profit concerning our Lord.

Luke 14:8-11 When thou art bidden of any man to a wedding, sit not down in the highest room; lest a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him; (9) And he that bade thee and him come and say to thee, Give this man place; and thou begin with shame to take the lowest room. (10) But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest room; that when he that bade thee cometh, he may say unto thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have worship in the presence of them that sit at meat with thee. (11) For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted. (KJV)

We have all been bidden to the wedding feast, and that knock on your heart is the Lord seeking entrance so that you can have a Spiritual meal together with Him. Our Lord has a place picked out for you based on what He knows will work, and not by your works. It is important that you take the time to see daily where He would have you this day, and then take your seat in the place that He picked out that was best. Those that see themselves more highly than they ought will end up advancing back to the rear.

Matthew 7:2-5 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. (3) And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? (4) Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? (5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye. (KJV)

Looks like somebody was too busy looking into someone else’s mirror, and missed out on what was really going on in their own walk. Oh that’s gotta hurt when the end result is the Lord calling you a hypocrite. Kind of like a deer getting caught in the high beams, when the light is shined back in their own direction it’s like they want to get hit.

1 Corinthians 4:3-5 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self. (4) For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. (5) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God. (KJV)

Paul was used by God because he was more concerned with how God viewed his walk and less by what others perceived. You will be used more by God when you spend time with Him letting Him judge you; then taking your place in His body of believers where He would have you to be. Verse 5 sums it up well, that in order to have the praise of God you will need to forgo the praise and approval of a fallen mankind.

Matthew 25:24-25 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed: (25) And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine. (KJV)

Now some people let others dictate to them who they are, and end up burying the talent that the Lord gave them and was requiring of them as well. In conclusion this week, we all look at our carnal mirrors on a daily basis but it is important to look to our inward spiritual mirror so that we can be complete in Christ. So go see for yourself who you really are in Christ, and don’t let the enemy cloud your vision.