

- ⇒ Do you view yourself as “not so bad” or are “good enough”?
- ⇒ Do you find it hard to be corrected?
- ⇒ Are you stubborn?
- ⇒ Do you insist on your “rights” or having things your way?

12. I Corinthians 4:2

“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.”

- ⇒ Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord’s work?
- ⇒ Do you sense the call of the Lord in certain areas of life, or ministry, but are apathetic to respond?

13. Hebrews 10:25

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching.”

- ⇒ Do you stay away from meetings where there is prayer and/or the Gospel is preached?
- ⇒ Do you whisper or think about other things while God’s Word is being read or preached?
- ⇒ Have you neglected or slighted private or family prayer and devotions?
- ⇒ Do you find the Bible and prayer uninteresting?

14. Hebrews 13:7

“Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.”

- ⇒ Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church or elsewhere?
- ⇒ Do you rebel at requests given to you to help in the work of the Gospel?

- ⇒ Have you failed to pray regularly for your pastor and other spiritual leaders?

15. Ephesians 4:28

“He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.”

- ⇒ Do you underpay?
- ⇒ Do you do very little in your work or possess a lazy attitude?
- ⇒ Do you steal?

16. II Corinthians 9:6-7

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

- ⇒ Have you robbed God by withholding His due of time, talents or money?
- ⇒ Have you failed to support mission work or individuals in need, either in prayer or offerings?

17. Acts 1:18

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

- ⇒ Have you neglected to seek the lost for Christ?
- ⇒ Do you live full of the Holy Spirit each day?
- ⇒ Have you neglected to speak of the Lord Jesus to the lost when prompted by the Holy Spirit?
- ⇒ Has your life (actions) shown the lost the Lord?



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THE HEART SEARCH

1. Matthew 6:14-15

“For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

Is there anyone you:

- ⇒ Hold a grudge against?
 - ⇒ Refuse to forgive?
 - ⇒ Hate?
 - ⇒ Do not love?
 - ⇒ Harbor bitterness, resentment or jealousy towards?
 - ⇒ Dislike to hear praised or well - spoken of?
 - ⇒ Justified a wrong attitude toward?
- ## 2. Matthew 6:33
- “But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*
- ⇒ Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first?
 - ⇒ Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom, desires or feelings, rather than seeking and following God’s will?
 - ⇒ Do any of the following in any way interfere with your surrender and service to God? - Ambition? Pleasures? A loved one? Friendship? Desire for recognition? Money? Your own plans?
 - ⇒ Are you more concerned about what people think than what will be pleasing to God?
 - ⇒ Does your conversation or heart, find joy over “things” rather than the Lord and His will?

3. Ephesians 4:31

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger; brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.”

- ⇒ Do you complain?
- ⇒ Do you have a critical attitude towards any person or group?
- ⇒ Are you irritable and cranky?
- ⇒ Do you swear?
- ⇒ Do you gossip?
- ⇒ Do you get angry, either in public or privately?
- ⇒ Do you become impatient with others?
- ⇒ Are you ever harsh or unkind?

4. John 13:35

“By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

- ⇒ Are you secretly pleased over the misfortune of another?
- ⇒ Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancements of another?
- ⇒ Do you quarrel, argue or engage in unfruitful discussions?

5. Ephesians 5:20

“Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- ⇒ Have you neglected to thank Him for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good?
- ⇒ Do you constantly worry?
- ⇒ Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His Word?

6. Psalms 115:1

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to Your name be the glory, because of Your love and faithfulness.”

⇒ Do you take the slightest credit for anything good about you, rather than give all the glory to God?

⇒ Do you talk of what you have done rather than what Christ has done?

⇒ Are your feelings easily hurt?

⇒ Are you fake?

⇒ Are you allowing feelings of inferiority to defeat you and keep you from attempting things for God?

7. I Corinthians 6:19-20

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.”

- ⇒ Are you using any of these things to escape your pain:
 - depriving yourself of food?
 - hurting or cutting yourself?
 - drugs?
 - alcohol?
 - tobacco?
 - fantasies, pornography, and/or masturbation?

⇒ Are you having sex outside of marriage?

⇒ Have you crossed inappropriate physical boundaries with your boyfriend/girlfriend?

8. II Corinthians 5:9

“So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.”

⇒ Have you neglected to seek being pleasing to Him in all things?

⇒ Do you carry bitterness towards God?

⇒ Have you been dissatisfied with His provision or complained against Him in any way?

⇒ Is there, in your heart, any unwillingness to obey God fully?

⇒ Have you disobeyed some direct leading from Him?

⇒ Are you angry at God?

9. Colossians 3:9

“Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices.”

⇒ Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversation?

⇒ Do you ever lie? Exaggerate? Cheat?

⇒ Consider carefully— do you overcharge?

10. II Timothy 2:22

“Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.”

⇒ Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex/same sex to stay in your mind?

⇒ Do you read or watch materials that promote an ungodly world view?

⇒ Do you read or watch pornography?

⇒ Are you guilty of looking lustfully at anyone?

⇒ Have you allowed yourself to adopt sinful behaviors or attitudes of the world?

⇒ Is your manner of dress displeasing to God?

⇒ Do you justify seeking satisfaction from any questionable source?

11. James 4:6

“But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

⇒ Do you feel that you are doing quite well as a Christian?

GOD

1. Do I often question God about the perceived unfair pressures I face in my life as I pursue trying to live pure for Him?
2. What specific things do I question God about, that I perceive He allows which seemingly keep me from living pure?
3. Am I mad at God or disappointed in Him?
4. How has impurity in my heart affected my worship?
5. How has impurity in my heart affected my prayer life?
6. How has impurity in my life hurt/hindered my ministry?
7. Do I feel obligated to be pure or does my love for Christ lead me there?
8. Do I attempt to live pure in man's sight more than I am aware that I live it out in His sight?
9. Do I secretly hope that God will make allowances for me when I really desire impure things?
10. What evidence do I see that Christ's righteousness is shining out in my life?
11. Do I often look to Christ's second coming as an incentive to pursue a pure life?
12. Do I have a hard time confessing my sins to God or others; not generalities, but specific sins?
13. Do I fail to thank God for little things?
14. Do I replace prayer with study too often?
15. Do I allow my emotions to be stirred by the Lord but lack the perseverance to move in it?

15. Am I more concerned *really* about myself than God and His sheep?

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MYSELF

1. Do I think of myself as more spiritual than those around me?
2. Do I feel the need to correct leadership?
3. Do I spend too much time concerned with my appearance?
4. Am I proud of the schedule I keep, how disciplined I am and all that I accomplish?
5. Am I driven to receive approval, praise or acceptance?
6. Am I argumentative?
7. Do I think my way is right or the only way?
8. Am I overly sensitive? Easily offended?
9. Do I find it difficult to admit when I am wrong?
10. Do I hide my real spiritual needs and struggles from others?
11. Do I pray to be heard? Do I get irritated when others pray, when I feel like it's my place or turn?
12. Do I resent being asked to help or serve? Does it need to be on my terms?
13. Do I become defensive when criticized or corrected?
14. Do I get irritated when people don't do things as well as I would?
15. Am I controlling?
16. Do I frequently interrupt people when they are speaking?
17. Do I intimidate anyone spiritually?
18. Do I complain a lot about things like weather, my health, circumstance or job?
19. Do I talk about myself too much?
20. Do I get hurt/angry when my accomplishments or acts of service are not recognized or rewarded?
21. Do I get hurt/angry if my feeling or opinions are not consulted when those over me make a decision or when I am not informed when a decision is made?
22. Do I react to rules? Do I have a hard time being told what to do?
23. Is education and social standing overly important to me?
24. Do I avoid being involved in things I'm not good at for the fear of looking foolish or the fear of failure?
25. When was the last time I said, "I was wrong."? Do I find this painful or difficult to say?
26. Do I feel like I deserve more?
27. In ministry, do I like to or seek to be the focal point?
28. Am I un-teachable, feeling like I already know things or have my own approach that is better?
29. Do I think of how these questions apply to someone else and not to me?
30. Am I always trying to prove myself to others?

31. Have I continued to foster and encourage grudges I have towards others?
32. Do I find it easy to find faults and allow negative attitudes to continue towards people whom I should love?
33. How am I more concerned with appearing good than living pure?
34. Is purity to me more about structure and rules than about life in the Spirit?
35. Is purity to me more about NOT doing bad things than it is doing good things?
36. How have I made purity about setting in place safeguards and not about the Word?
37. Is purity for me isolating myself from bad things or people more than it is living a distinct life for Christ amidst others?
38. How do I look at purity as something I must demonstrate to others rather than simply living a life pleasing to God?
39. In regards to the issue of purity how does my stance and life demonstrate that I spend more time being influenced by the world than Jesus?
40. How do I apply the principle that purity comes only from being with and in Christ?
41. How is my approach to purity influenced by my need to appear good?
42. What systems and helps have I put in place to remain pure that have now become dominated by self-effort?
43. When have I tried to impress others with my purity?
44. Do I desire to act "good" more than I desire to be pure?

45. Do self-righteous or defensive thoughts rise up in me when someone brings up the topic of being called to live pure?

OTHERS

1. Do I look down on people who are less educated, less affluent, less refined and less successful than me?
2. Do I try to leave with people the impression that I am better off spiritually than is really true?
3. Am I quick to find fault in others and then verbalize this to others?
4. Do I make people feel like they don't measure up?
5. Am I more concerned about my problems, needs and burdens than other's concerns?
6. Is it hard for me to let others know I need help?
7. Do I follow set teaching, style and theology and often look down on others teachings, styles or approaches?
8. How has impurity isolated me from others?