

Biblical Self-Confrontation: An Essential for Discipleship

The following will help you evaluate your faithfulness as a disciple of Christ. For each question, rate yourself on a scale of 0 (no faithfulness, complete self-centeredness) to 10 (perfect faithfulness, total Christ-centeredness). Regardless of your present level of faithfulness, remember that God will help you make the necessary changes to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29; II Corinthians 3:18; Philippians 1:6). All of the characteristics of discipleship mentioned below are covered during this course. Biblical steps by which these characteristics can be incorporated into your life will also be explained.

- ___ 1. Are you diligent in learning to handle accurately the Word of God (II Timothy 2:15)?
- ___ 2. Do you consistently examine yourself in light of God's Word instead of comparing yourself with the lives or expectations of others (I Samuel 16:7; Isaiah 55:8-11; Romans 3:23; II Corinthians 10:12; Hebrews 4:12)?
- ___ 3. Are you a doer of the Word? Being a doer of the Word requires continual hearing of God's Word and walking in it to receive the blessings of the Lord (Deuteronomy 11:26-28; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 5:14; James 1:22-25). The Word is completely adequate for every area of life as it teaches, reproves, corrects, trains, and equips you in order that you may mature in Christ (II Timothy 3:16-17).
- ___ 4. Do you deny yourself by putting off your natural self-centeredness to follow the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 10:38-39; Luke 9:23-24)?
- ___ 5. Do you seek to please God in all things (John 8:29; II Corinthians 5:9; Ephesians 6:6-7; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 4:1; Hebrews 13:21; I John 3:22)?
- ___ 6. Are you a person of prayer? Continual prayer, with thanksgiving, leads to God's peace guarding your heart and mind in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:6-7; I Thessalonians 5:17-18).
- ___ 7. Do you place the welfare of others ahead of your own, thus following the example of the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 20:25-28; Romans 15:1-3; Philippians 2:3-8)?
- ___ 8. Do you love others in biblical ways (I Corinthians 13:4-8a)? By loving in this manner, you will follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ and will become known as His disciple (John 13:34-35, 15:12-13).
- ___ 9. Are you faithfully using your spiritual gift(s) for God's glory and for the benefit of others (Romans 12:3-8; Ephesians 4:1-16; I Peter 4:10-11)?
- ___ 10. Do you regularly worship the Lord, remaining in fellowship and in ministry with other believers (Psalm 29:1-2, 122:1; John 4:23-24; Hebrews 10:24-25; I Peter 2:5; I John 1:7)?
- ___ 11. Are you ready at all times to give a testimony for the hope that is within you (I Peter 3:15), giving glory to the Lord with your life (Matthew 5:16), seeking to reconcile others to God, and discipling them to walk in His way (Matthew 28:19-20; II Corinthians 5:18-20)?