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## Test It!

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### **TODAY'S READING:** 2 Corinthians 13

When I was in school, both high school and college, I did not enjoy tests. Actually, I do not really know anyone who enjoys tests. But tests are necessary in order for the teacher to make sure students understand the subject matter. They also show what students do and do not understand in the subject they are taking.

The philosopher Socrates said, "An unexamined life is not worth living." If a philosopher could think that, how much more should we Christians listen to the Holy Spirit when He says, "Examine yourself." An unexamined Christian lies like an unattended garden. Let your garden go unattended for a few months, and you will not have roses and tomatoes but weeds.

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, Paul says "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you fail to meet the test!"

When you look at yourself in the mirror, do you see someone in whom Jesus is active and living, or someone who once knew Him but now seems not to? When you listen to the sort of things you say, does it sound like words that have come from spending time with Jesus, or are you simply talking the same way everyone else does? When you settle down and quiet your mind and heart to pray and wait for God, do you know and sense the presence, the life and the love of Jesus close to you, within you, warming and sustaining, guarding and guiding, checking and directing you?

**PRAYER:** Lord, help me examine my life. Help me pull any weeds that may have crept in and keep my focus on You.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** Mark 1

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