

Test Yourself!

Galatians 6:4a (ESV)
But let each one **test** his own work

- **Test**+is **δοκιμαζω** and means **to** put to the test to see if something is genuine+
- The test is objective and not subjective.
- It involves examining before giving approval
- Jeremiah 6:27 LXX uses this word

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Do Not Compare Yourself to Others

Galatians 6:4 b (ESV)
and then his reason to boast will be **in himself alone** and not in his neighbor.

- **Boast**+is either a good or bad thing depending on the context
- We need to test to see if our own **work**+will meet God's approval
- We must avoid self deception through looking at those we deem to be worse than ourselves

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We Account for Ourselves at the Judgment

Galatians 6:5 (ESV)
For each will have to bear his own load.

- Galatians 6:2 refers to life in the church, verse 5 refers to the eschatological judgment
- **Load**+in Acts 27:10 refers to a ship's cargo
- It is used by Jesus in Matthew 11:30
- Comparing ourselves to others will not help us on the day of judgment

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Supporting the Gospel Teacher

Galatians 6:6 (ESV)

Let the one who is taught the word **share** all good things with the one who teaches.

- > **%share+** is the first word in the Greek and is in the imperative
- > **%taught+** and **%teaches+** are forms of the word *kate_cho_*
- > To sustain a faithful gospel ministry they **%bear one another's burdens+** in this regard (Gal. 6:2)

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Implications and Applications

- > We need to test ourselves objectively
- > We should bear others' burdens, not compare them to ourselves unfavorably
- > We must support the gospel, not false teachers and their teachings

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We Must Test Ourselves

2Corinthians 13:5 (ESV)

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!

- > There are two imperatives in this verse: **%examine+** and **%test+**; *peirazo_* and *dokimazo_*
- > **%the faith+** is the objective content of the gospel and the Christian faith
- > The truly converted have **%Christ in them+** (Romans 8:9, 10)

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We Test to Prove What Is Genuine

Romans 12:2 (ESV)

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that **by testing** you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect

- > We must put ideas to the test in light of the truth of Scripture and thus approve God's moral will
- > The test is to prove what is genuine and thus truly an expression of God's will
- > If we are molded to this world, we will not express God's will in our lives

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We Must Not Compare Ourselves to Others

2Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

Not that we dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are **commending themselves**. But when they measure themselves by one another and **compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding**.

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Do Not Support False Teachers

2 John 1:10, 11 (ESV)

If anyone comes to you and **does not bring this teaching, do not receive him** into your house or give him any greeting, for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

- > Teachers depended on the hospitality and support of Christians
- > False teachers are not to be given this

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