

Evaluating My Spiritual Life

3/7/2010: Use the following statements as a tool to evaluate your spiritual life. Statements are based on James 4:1-17 and go along with this morning's lesson.

Evaluate Our Desires (1-least agree... 5-great agreement)

1. Getting ahead in life holds no value to me, I would gladly give all I have to benefit any of my struggling brethren. - see [James 1:13-15](#). 1 2 3 4 5
2. If no one else in my family were a Christian and none of my friends were, there is no doubt I would still be a Christian. 1 2 3 4 5
3. I never become bitter or jealous when good things happen to others and not to me. - see [James 4:2](#). 1 2 3 4 5
4. I consistently react with gentleness and mercy and am willing to yield my wants and desires to achieve peace with others. - see [James 3:17](#). 1 2 3 4 5
5. Others describe me as one who makes peace. - see [James 3:18](#). 1 2 3 4 5

Evaluate Our Dedication to God (1-least agree... 5-great agreement)

1. My prayers to God consist of requests that ultimately lead me to do His will. I never use prayer as a tool to get what I want. - see [James 4:3](#). 1 2 3 4 5
2. Others have criticized me for being unwavering in my stand for what God wants me to do. - see [James 3:17](#). (Abraham & Jephthah as examples). 1 2 3 4 5
3. Others describe me as a humble person, willing to submit to authority. - see [James 4:6](#). 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am 100% dedicated to God. No part of me wants to live the way the world lives. - see [James 4:4](#). 1 2 3 4 5
5. I conscientiously look into God's word for guidance and consistently follow His direction. - see [James 1:22](#). 1 2 3 4 5

Evaluate Our Love for Each Other (1-least agree... 5-great agreement)

1. I regularly visit those who are less fortunate than me and help them through their distress. - see [James 1:27](#). 1 2 3 4 5
2. I never favor those who hold a high position or who have a lot of money over those who are less fortunate. - see [Jam 2:1-4](#). 1 2 3 4 5
3. I constantly speak well of my brethren. Even when they don't always do what is right I seek to find the good and help them with their spiritual struggles. - see [James 3:9](#). 1 2 3 4 5
4. Others describe me as honest and would never refer to me as a hypocrite. - see [James 3:17](#). 1 2 3 4 5
5. I am never condescending toward others, what I help others do is what I do myself. - see [James 4:11-12](#). 1 2 3 4 5

Evaluate the Use of Our Time (1-least agree... 5-great agreement)

1. I definitely have my priorities in order. God always comes first, in every activity and every situation. - see [James 4:15](#). 1 2 3 4 5
2. I do not make plans for the future without first dedicating those plans to God. I often say, "If the Lord wills...". - see [James 4:15](#) 1 2 3 4 5
3. My calendar is dedicated spiritual activities and helping others and I am not a slave to personal obligations of work and recreation. - see [James 4:13](#). 1 2 3 4 5
4. I am not arrogant about how much money I make or the house I live in or the car I drive or the type of work I do, instead I know God has provided me with all the blessings I have. - see [James 4:16](#). 1 2 3 4 5
5. I am never regretful at the end of the day that I have not done what God wants me to do. I feel good about the good I do for God each and every day. - see [James 4:17](#). 1 2 3 4 5

Score for each section:

- 20-25: Probably good - but have someone else fill it out on you!
- 15-19: Examine your heart and actions closely, you may need a little work.
- 10-14: You need to re-structure your life. Difficult changes are in order.
- < 10 Stop everything! Your soul is at stake!