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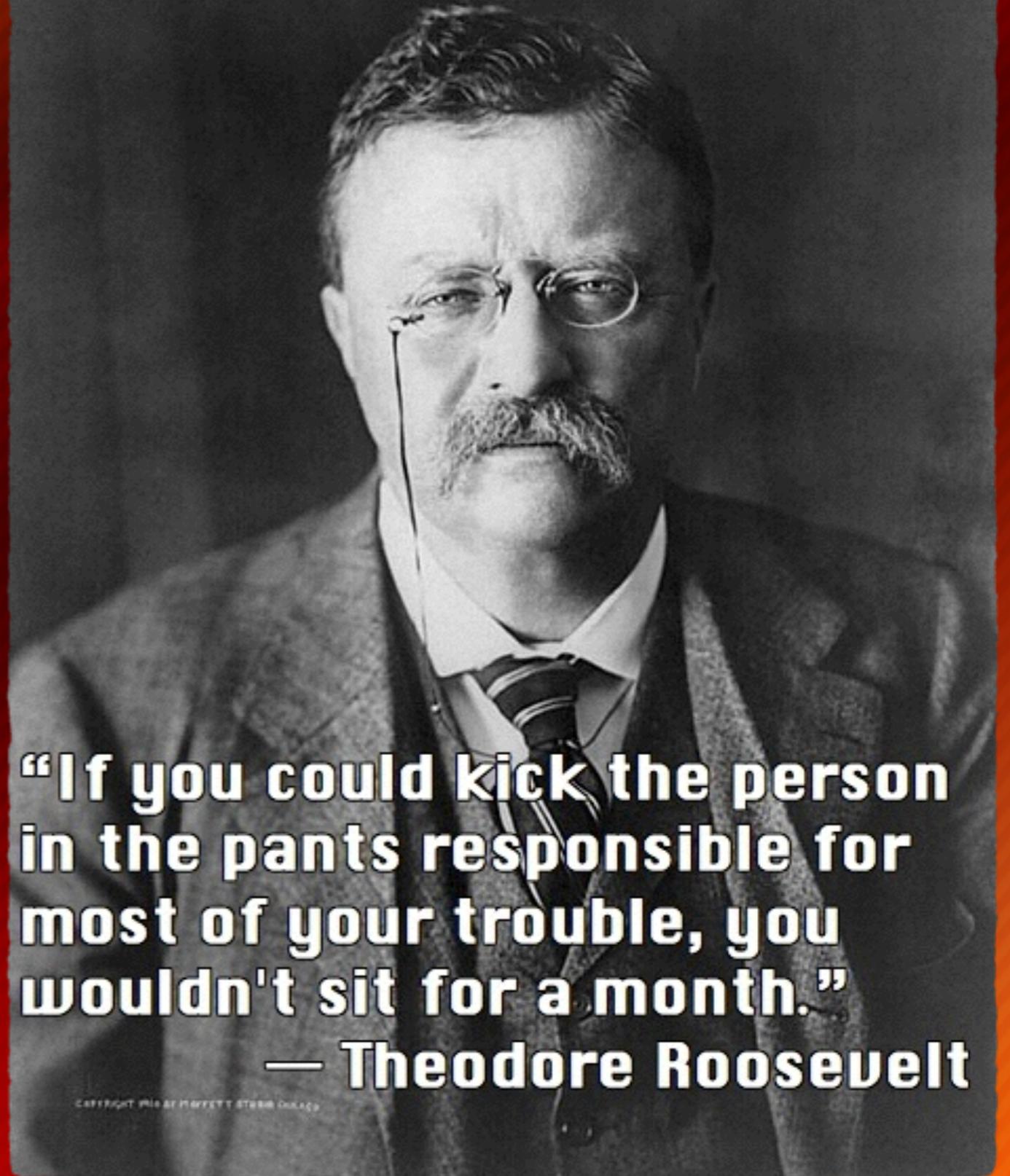


Recognizing The Need
Necessary Qualities
Accepting Responsibility
Growing In Christ

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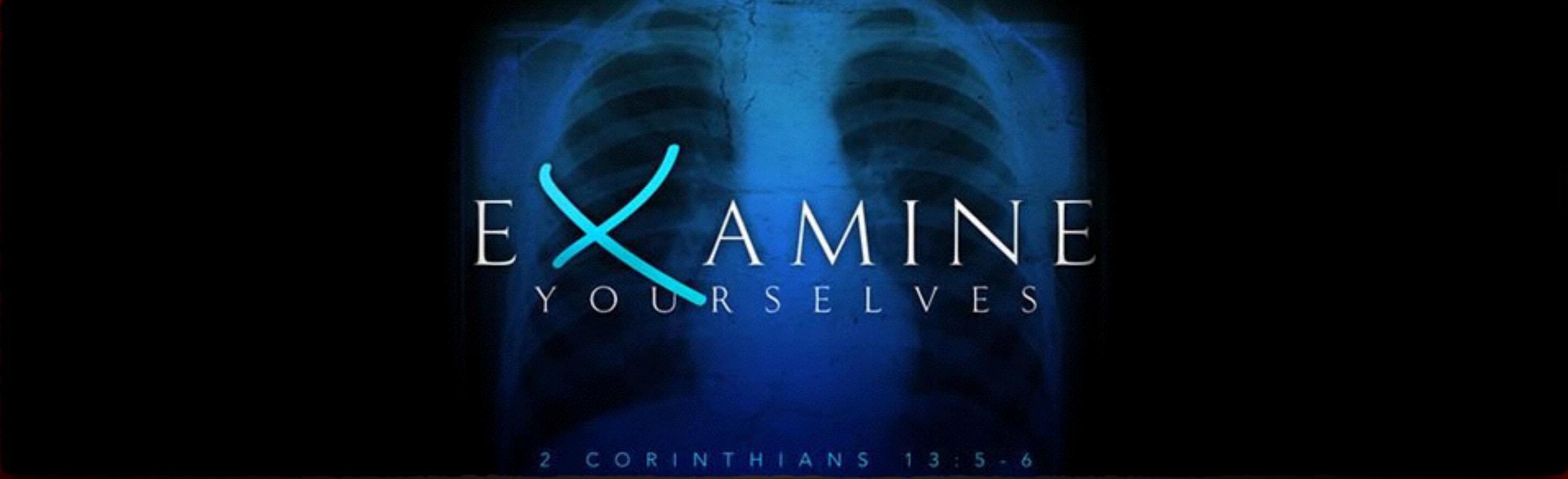
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We may not be responsible for all the trouble we find ourselves in, but we are always responsible for how we react & behave. We must constantly examine our spiritual condition!



“If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month.”

— Theodore Roosevelt



EXAMINE
YOURSELVES

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5-6

2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.

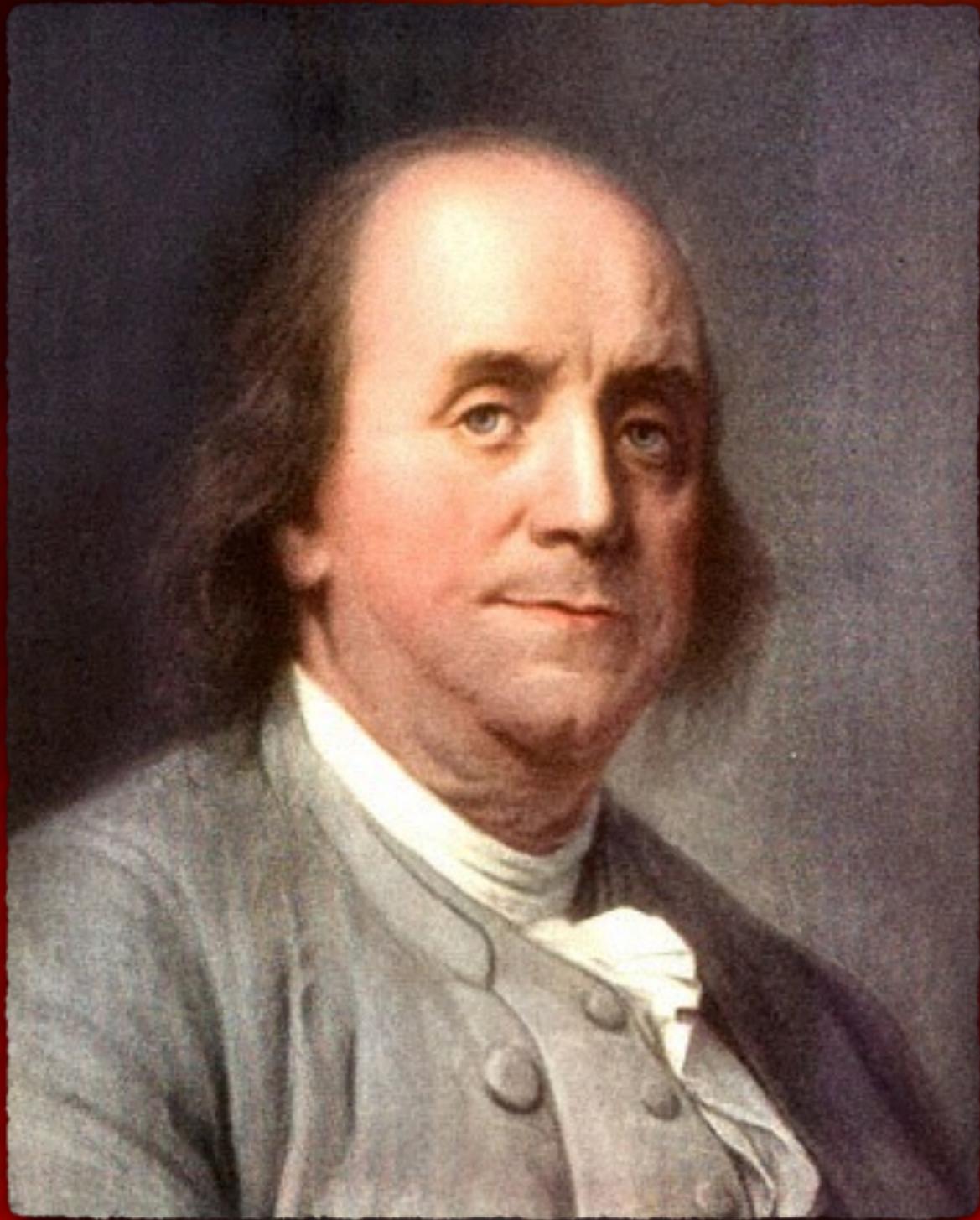
Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?--unless indeed you are disqualified.

1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NKJV)

²⁷ Therefore whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ But **let a man examine himself**, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.



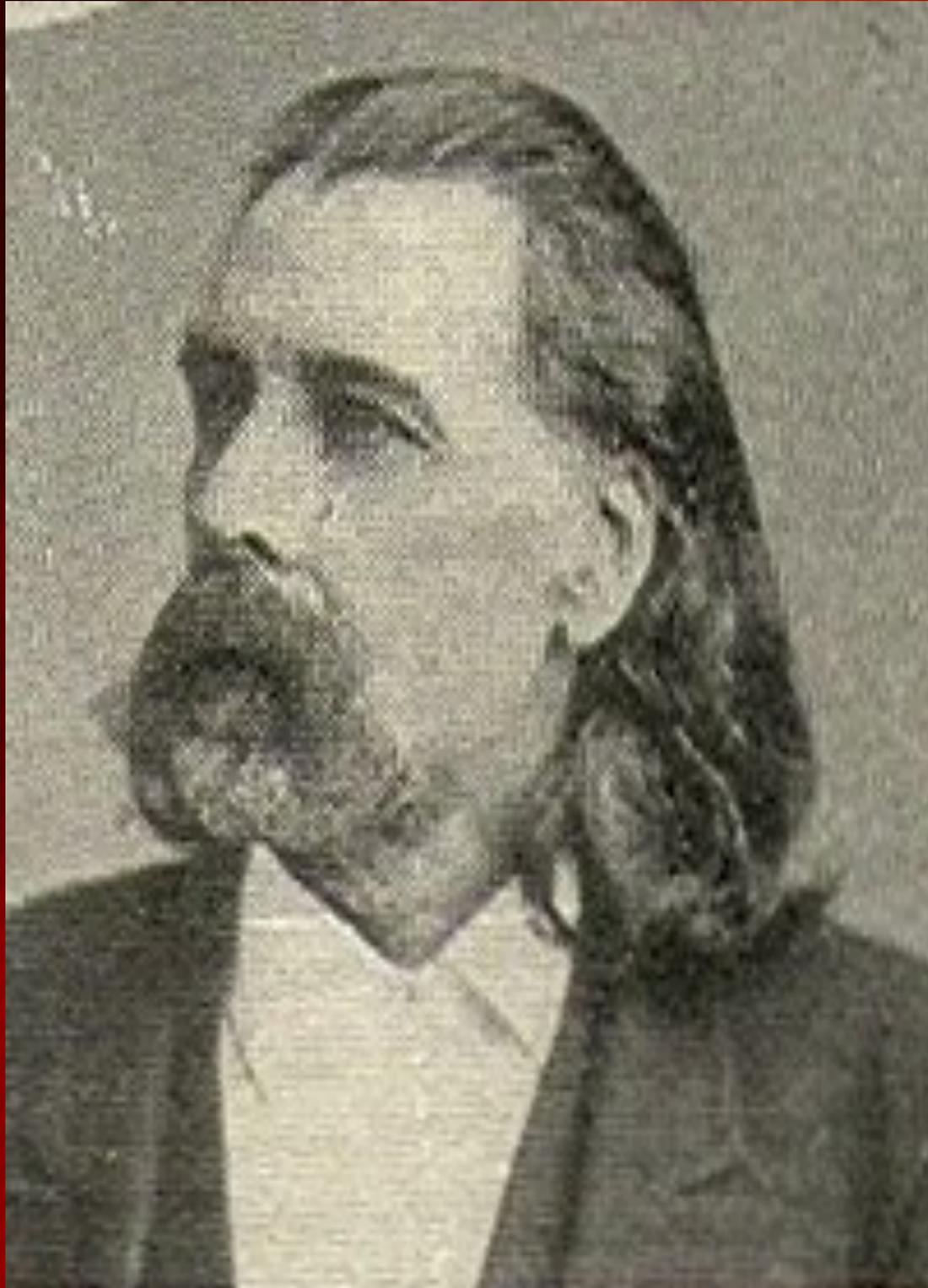
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“There are three things extremely hard: steel, a diamond, and to know one's self.”

- *Benjamin Franklin*

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“It's not only the most difficult thing to know one's self, but the most inconvenient.” -
Josh Billings

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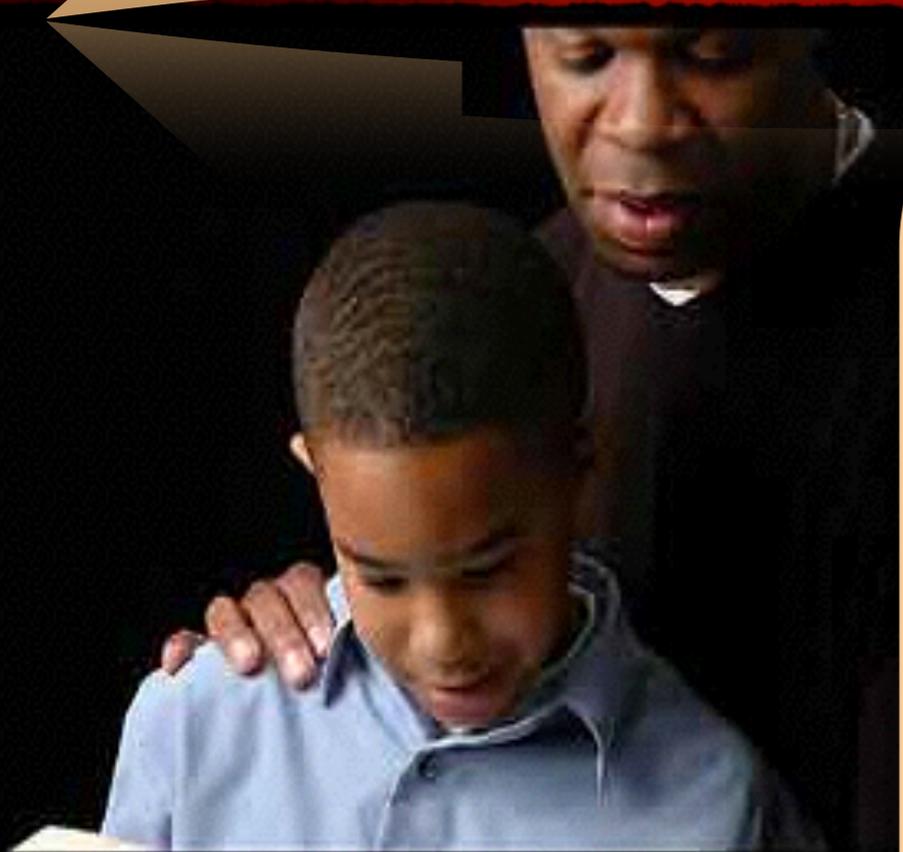
The Need



- **See if I am "in the faith"** – 2 Cor. 13:5
- **To progress** – Phil 3:12-14; Eph. 4:16
- **Benefit my relationships** – Eph. 5:22-33; 6:1-9
- **To help others** – Mat. 7:1-5; Gal. 6:1

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Qualities



"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Proverbs 1:7 (KJV)

- **Godly Fear** – Phili. 2:12; Ps. 139:1-18, 23,24; Heb 12:28
- **Faith** – Heb. 11:6; Prov. 3:5,6
- **Humility** - Mat. 5:3,4; Ps. 25:9; 51:17
- **Meekness** – James 1:21; 3:13
- **Honesty** – Is. 44:20; James 1:22-26; Rev 3:14-17; Gal. 6:3; Acts 17:11,12
- **Diligence** – 2 Tim. 2:15

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Implementation



- **Self Discipline** – 1 Cor 9:27
- **Prayer** – Eph 6:18; 1 Thes 5:17
- **Worship** – Ps. 73:16,17; John 4:24; Heb 10:24,25
- **Bible Study** – Ps. 1; Acts 17:11; 2 Tim 3:16,17; 1 Pet 3:15; Jam 1:22-25
- **Evaluate & exercise abilities & talents** – Mat 25:14-30; Rom 12:1-8; Eph 4:16

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Application

EXAMINE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



- The right standard? - Rom 8:14-17; James 1:21-27; 2 Tim 2:15; 3:17,17
- Obeyed the gospel? - Mark 16:15,16; Acts 2:38; Rom 10:9-17;
- Godly attitude? - Phili 2:5; Rom 12:2; Col. 3:1-3; Mark 12:29-32; 2 Pet 1:5-10
- Keeping God's commandments? - Mat 7:21-23; 1 John 4:12-5:3

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EXAMINE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS



- Self-centeredness is replaced with a humility and love for others - (Eph 4:1-3; Phil. 2:1-4; Rom. 12:10)
- Being a positive influence rather than a cause for stumbling - (Mat 5:13-16; 18:6; Phil 1:27; 2:14-16)
- As a spouse & parent - (Eph 5:22-6:4; Col. 3:18-21; 1 Pet. 3:1-7)

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EXAMINE YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH



- Your attendance - (Heb 10:24,25; Psalm 122:1)
- Your support of the church & its work - (1 Cor. 16:1,2; 2 Cor 8,9)
- Your participation in the worship & work of the church - (Eph 4:12-16; Rom 12:3-8; 1 Cor 12:12-31; Acts 6:1-7; 8:4,5; 1 Tim 3:1-11)

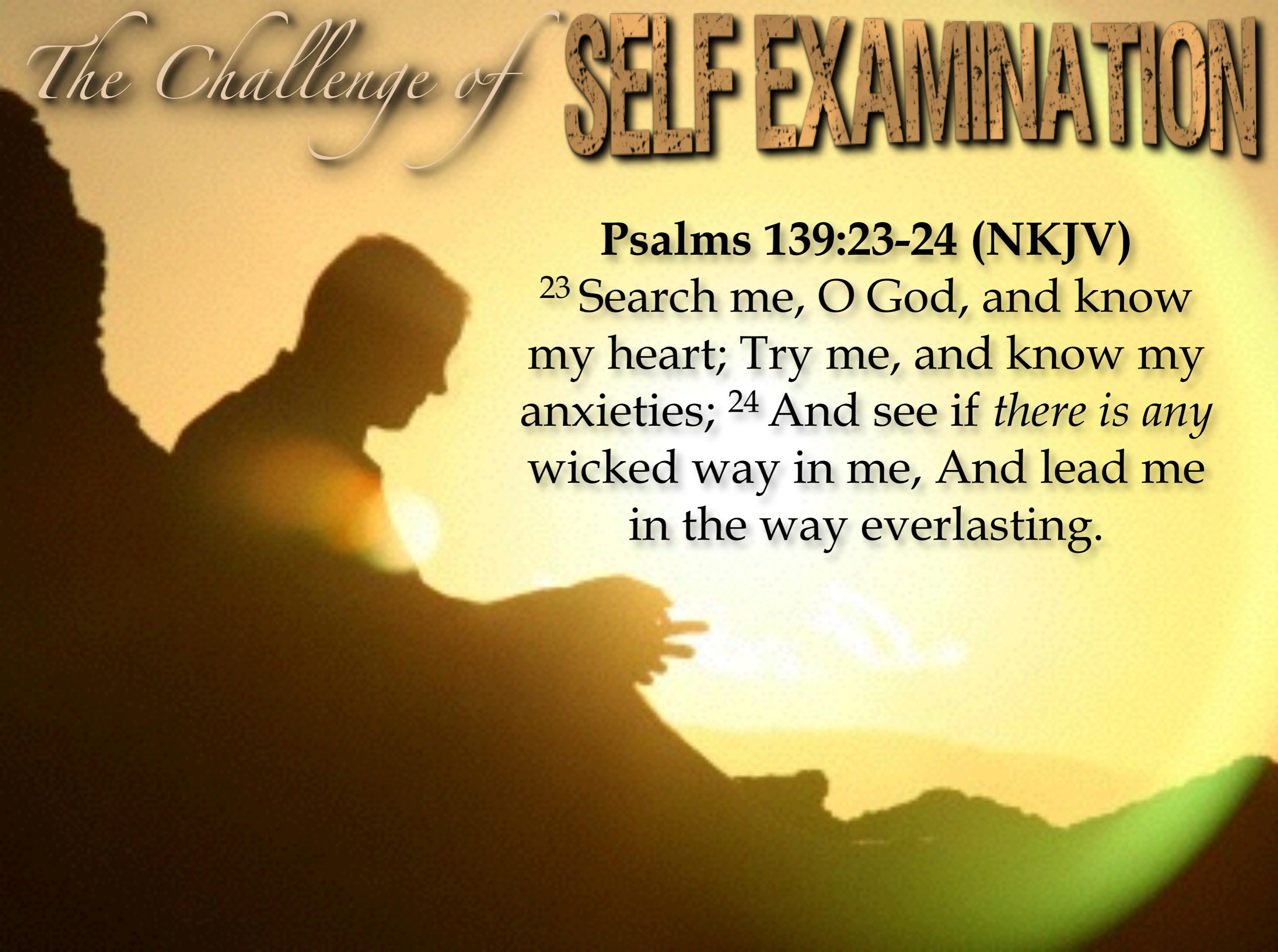
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WILL WE HONESTLY EXAMINE OUR:

- **MOTIVES** - (Love / Faith)
- **ATTITUDE** - (Humility / Meekness)
- **THOUGHTS** - (Holy / Just)
- **BEHAVIOR** - (Approved / Influence)
- **SERVICE** - (Obedient / Zealous)

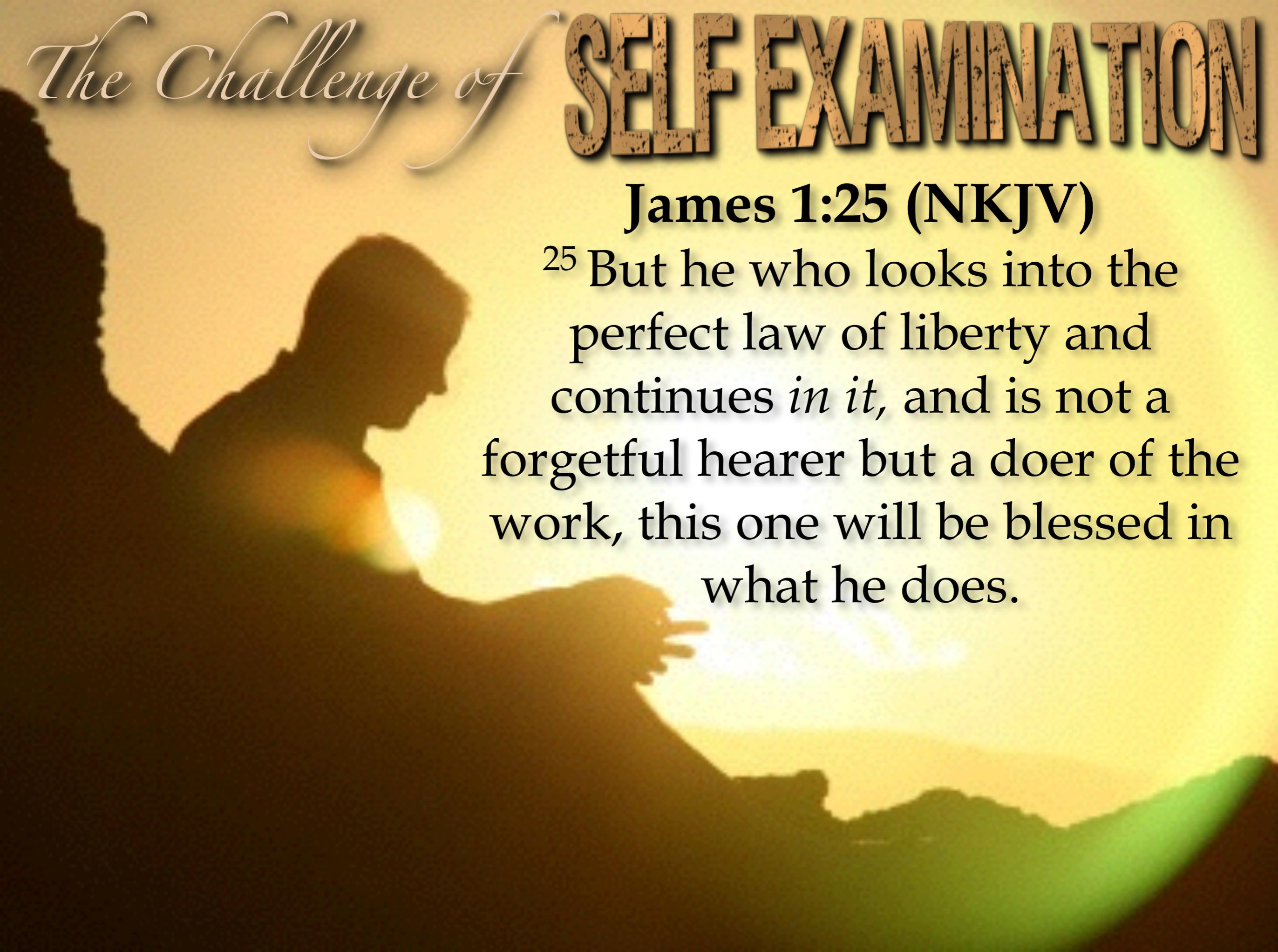


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Psalms 139:23-24 (NKJV)

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴ And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

A silhouette of a person's head and shoulders is shown in profile, looking out over a landscape. The background is a warm, golden sunset or sunrise, with a bright sun low on the horizon. The person's hand is visible, resting on a surface. The overall mood is contemplative and serene.

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James 1:25 (NKJV)

²⁵ But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues *in it*, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

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Do You Recognize The Need?
Are You Willing To Have The Necessary Qualities?
Are You In Christ?
Are You Growing In Christ?

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Psalm 26:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ A Psalm of David. Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip. ² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart. ³ For Your lovingkindness *is* before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth. ⁴ I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites.



Psalm 26:1-7 (NKJV)

⁵ I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence; So I will go about Your altar, O LORD, ⁷ That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works.

