

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: Parting Words

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 13

Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith.

1

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read 2 Corinthians 13:1-4. What was Paul's warning to the Corinthians in these verses? How was he hoping for them to respond to this warning? What was he trying to avoid?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:5-7. Why did Paul admonish the Corinthians to test themselves to see if they were in the faith? How were they to do this?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:8-10. From where did Paul receive his authority? What was the purpose of his apostolic authority?

Read 2 Corinthians 13:11-14. In these final verses of the letter, what were Paul's parting instructions to the Corinthian church? How might you apply these instructions today?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

How often do you engage in self-examination and self-reflection regarding the state of your Christian life? Would you say that you tend to do too much self-examination, or not enough? Or have you managed to find the right balance?

When you are assessing your Christian life, what sorts of questions do you ask yourself? What specific areas of your Christian life do you tend to focus on? Why do you think that is?

3

APPLY THE TRUTH

How do you properly examine yourself to see whether you are in the faith? What are some biblical evidences you should be looking for? How do you know whether or not you've passed the test? Is it possible to know for sure that you're truly a Christian? Why or why not?

How do you appropriately incorporate both encouragement and confrontation in your interactions with other Christians as you seek to build them up in their faith? How might this be challenging at times?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

Are there any areas of your life which need to be examined in light of the Gospel this week?