

## *Devotion (Psalm 26)*

### I. **Introduction**

The four characteristics of the **devotion** of a man after God's heart

### II. **1. Integrity (vss. 1-3)**

A plea to God for justice for something he is innocent of (v. 1)

An invitation to examine his **integrity** (v. 1)  
the consequences of compromise

Three ways to walk in **integrity**:  
unwavering trust in God (v. 1)  
a willingness to be examined (v. 2)  
remembering God's covenant faithfulness (v. 3)

### III. **2. Separation (vss. 4-5)**

God has called His people to be a holy (separate) people (Deut 14:2, Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 6:14-17, Psalm 1, Jn 17:16, 1 Co 15:33, Jn 3:20-21)

*Who do you turn to when you are in need of counsel?*

*Who would you prefer to spend your free time with?*

If you love the world the love of the Father is not in you (1 Jn 2:15)

### IV. **3. Union (vss. 6-8)**

David relishes in corporate praise (Ps 27:4, 6, 42:4, 68:24-26)

Are you *glad* to be in the house of the Lord? If not, examine yourself (1Jn 3:14, Jn 13:25)

The church is God's idea – it is His chosen means to glorify His name (1 Tim 3:15, Eph 3:20, Heb 10:23-25, 1 Co 12)

The church *"is then worthy of our love, our loyalty, our support, our defense, our tears, our prayers, our toils and our labors.* (B. Borgman)

Examine your habits and ask yourself, *do I love the church?*

### V. **4. Stability (vss. 9-12)**

Your stability in the church *confirms* or *betrays* the stability of your Christian walk. Because the church is built upon a rock, you ought to be most stable in her (Mt 16:16-18).

### VI. **Applications for today**

Examine yourself – with who to you prefer to sit, stand, and walk?

Partake of the Lord's Table as a confirmation of your devotion

Share more testimonies with God's people

Sing more praises with God's people