

# ***MY TESTIMONY***

## ***Part One***

***What OTHERS SEE in ME***

Is it POSSIBLE that You  
are being *watched* ?

YES ... by your peers  
by your family  
by other believers  
by the unsaved  
by total strangers !

***What do they see?***

***What should they see?***

***What should others see?***

- *My Good Works*

# MY GOOD WORKS . . .

*“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may **SEE** your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” Matt. 5:14-16*

# MY GOOD WORKS . . .

Definition:

**“Anything I do (or refuse to do):**

- *Motivated by the Word*
- *Beneficial to another / others*
- *Done for God’s Glory alone!*

*“Having your conversation honest  
among the Gentiles: that,  
whereas they speak against you  
as evildoers, they may by your  
good works, which they  
**shall behold**, glorify God  
in the day of visitation.”*

1 Peter 2:12

*“What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will **shew thee my faith by** my works.*

James 2:14-18

Could any particular

“GOOD WORK”

be at the

TOP of the LIST ?

*Giving thanks unto the Father,  
which hath made us meet to be  
partakers of the inheritance of the  
saints in light: Who hath delivered  
us from the power of **darkness**, and  
hath translated us into the kingdom  
of his dear Son: In whom we have  
redemption through his blood, even  
the forgiveness of sins:*

**Colossians 1:12-14**

## **Paul relating to Agrippa the Lord's instructions . . .**

*To open their eyes, and to turn them **from darkness to light**, and from the **power of Satan unto God**, that they may receive **forgiveness of sins**, and **inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.***

**Acts 26:18**

*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should **shew** forth the praises of him who hath called you **out of darkness into his marvellous light**: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God:*

**1 Peter 2:9-10a**

*There is NO BETTER  
“GOOD WORK” ...  
than that of showing  
other **beggars** WHERE  
the BREAD of LIFE  
is found!*

*There is NO BETTER  
“GOOD WORK” ...  
than that of showing  
souls **lost in darkness**  
WHERE the LIGHT of the  
WORLD is found!*

# ***What should others see?***

- *My Good Works*
- *My Love of other Believers*

## John 13:34-35 “Fleshed Out”

*“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye **love one another**; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have **love one to another.**”*

*Described in the Word by the*  
**“ONE ANOTHERS”**

*“And be ye kind one to another,  
tenderhearted, **forgiving one  
another**, even as God for  
Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*

Ephesians 4:32

# ***“FORGIVENESS”***



***“Bear ye one another’s  
burden, and so fulfil  
the law of Christ.”***

**Galatians 6:2**

*“If thy brother trespass against thee, **rebuke him**, and if he repent, **forgive him.**”*

Luke 17:3

*“Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be **able to comfort them** which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.”*

2 Corinthians 1:4 / 1 Thess. 4:18

*“And let us **consider** one another, **to provoke** (one another) unto love and to good works: (not forsaking the...) but **exhorting** one another:...”*

Hebrews 10:24-25

*“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may **edify another.**”*

Romans 14:19

***“Speak not evil one of  
another, brethren.”***

**James 4:11**

*“Likewise, ye younger, **submit yourselves unto the elder, Yea, all of you be subject one to another....”***

1 Peter 5:5

***“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another....”***

**James 5:16**

*“Ye have been called unto liberty...only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love, **serve one another.**”*

Galatians 5:13

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in  
you richly in all wisdom;  
**teaching and admonishing  
one another....”***

Colossians 3:16

***“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another...”***

***“...let each esteem other better than themselves.”***

**Romans 12:10 / Phil. 2:3**

*“With all lowliness and  
meekness, with  
longsuffering, forbearing  
one another in love;”*

Ephesians 4:2

# ***What should others see?***

- *My Good Works*
- *My love of other believers*
- *My Inner Peace (visible!)*

*The PEACE that comes from:*

**Doing the will of God!**

John 4:34

*The PEACE that comes from:*

**Walking in the Light!**

1 John 1:7

*The PEACE that comes from:*

**Being LOVED...  
...and then Loving!**

1 John 4:10-11 / 18-21

*The PEACE that comes from:*

**Casting your every care  
on a Loving Heavenly  
Father !**

1 Peter 5:7 / Phil. 4:7

*The PEACE that comes from:*

**Having the mind of Christ...  
...the Source of Peace!**

Philippians 2:5

# ***What should others see?***

- *My Good Works*
- *My love of other believers*
- *My Inner Peace (visible!)*
- *My Personal Holiness*

*Holiness in MY life*

*....“boils down” to one word...*

**“SEPARATION!”**

**2 Cor. 6:14-7:1**

*“Follow peace with all men;  
and **holiness**, without which  
no man shall see the Lord:”*

Hebrews 12:14

*I beseech you therefore, brethren,  
by the mercies of God, that ye present  
your bodies a living sacrifice, **holy**,  
acceptable unto God, which is your  
reasonable service. And **be not  
conformed to this world:** but be ye  
transformed by the renewing of your  
mind, that ye may prove what is that  
good, and acceptable, and  
perfect, will of God.*

**Romans 12:1-2**

*“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”*

**1 John 2:15**

*“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”*

**James 1:27**

*“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, **in** this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us **from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar** people, zealous of good works.”*

**Titus 2:11-14**

*“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the (Holy) Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which **temple ye are.**”*

**I Corinthians 3:16-17**

*“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.”*

**Romans 6:11-13**

*“Abstain from all  
appearance of evil.”*

**1 Thess. 5:22**

*“For yourselves know how ye ought to follow us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; Neither did we eat any man’s bread for nought; but wrought with labour and travail night and day, that we might not be chargeable to any of you: Not because we have not power, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you to follow us.”*

**2 Thess. 3:7-9**

*HEY !!*

**YOU are BEING  
WATCHED!**

*Last Week...(my personal testimony)*

*What others see in me?*

- *My Good Works*
- *My love of other believers*
- *My Inner Peace (visible!)*
- *My Personal Holiness*

*This week . . .*

***MY TESTIMONY***

***Part Two***

*What GOD SEES in ME*

# *What are the “differences” in these two considerations?*

- *WHO the OBSERVORS are?*
- *Their ability to make accurate observations?*
- *Ways I can affect their observations . . .*
- *The potential for “fallout” from their observations? (to be developed...)*

*Neither is there any creature  
that is not manifest in his sight:  
but all things are naked and  
opened unto the eyes of him with  
whom we have to do.”*

**Hebrews 4:13**

CAN WE THINK OF A SCRIPTURE TEXT . . .

WHERE AN INDIVIDUAL IS CONSIDERING

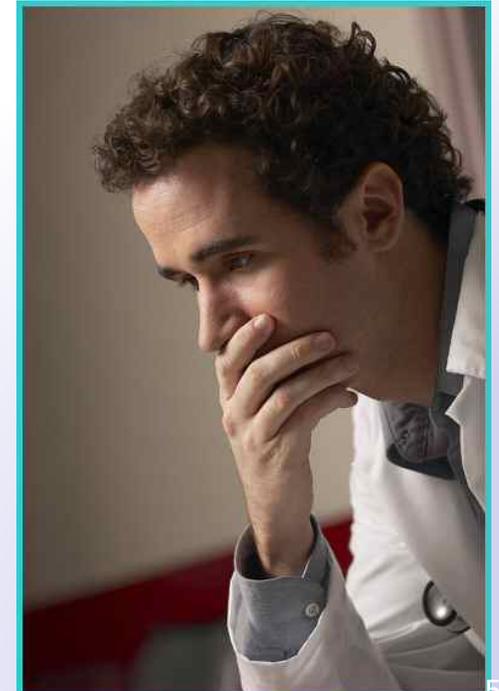
(REFLECTING ON) GOD'S INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE

OF HIM ...GOD'S OWN PERSONAL

RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM?

GOD'S OWNERSHIP OF HIM?

? ? ?



## PSALM 139

*O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether. Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it. Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them. How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee. Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: depart from me therefore, ye bloody men. For they speak against thee wickedly, and thine enemies take thy name in vain. Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies. Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

*We want to consider*  
***FIVE Foundational Areas***  
*related to our*  
***PERSONAL WITNESS***  
*before our God*

*BTW... our witness before OTHERS*  
*will largely rest*  
*atop of these five considerations...*

*my*  
***PERSONAL PRACTICE***  
*of PRAYER*

I am a DEPENDANT creation of God.  
Everything I need to live and serve...  
HE provides.

Jn. 15:5 / 1 Thess. 5:17-18 /

Eph. 6:18 / Phil. 4:6-7

Others praying for me – this is WONDERFUL ...  
But it's NOT ENOUGH !

Prayer → Wisdom and other “Needs”

→ Power & Boldness & \_\_\_\_\_?

*my*

***PERSONAL SEPARATION***

*from the WORLD*

Putting OFF the old man – and putting ON  
the “new man” . . .

(Eph. 4:22-24 and Col. 3:9-14)

*(Christ-like-ness)* . . .

## Progressive sanctification!

1 Thessalonians 4:3

**This is Romans 12:1-2 “fleshed out” !**

Salt in corruption . . . Light in darkness

Holiness – in the Marketplace . . .

OUT – of – STYLE in our day ? ?

Does this NOT WEAKEN with each generation?

*We make errors in judgment all the time as it relates to how much of the world's stain is “on us.”*

*(...“things of the world”)*

*In light of redemption, should we not make our errors in FAVOR of God's holiness.....in the direction of His glory?*

*my*  
***PERSONAL***  
***PURITY***

Having a “purity mask” in my bag does  
nothing to address this!

I stand before my Lord’s  
soul–piercing gaze . . . .

Psalm 139:23-24

Hebrews 4:12-13

2 Timothy 2:18-22

No ACCOUNTABILITY....in this day?  
A moral failure is knocking on the door!

*my*

***PERSONAL OBEDIENCE***

***to the WORD***

Faithfully attending a church which is preaching and teaching the Word of God, a church which is seeking to live out that Word....is not enough (though it *will* impress others!). My personal faith in God demands that I demonstrate to my God that it IS my heart's desire to ***be personally obedient*** to the Word – regularly, faithfully, consistently!

Jn. 14:15 / James 1:22; 2:14-18 / 1 Sam. 15:22

*my PERSONAL  
RELATIONSHIP  
to the FATHER....  
through the SON*

Fellowship with other believers is truly a wonderful thing...but it is NOT the primary goal – fellowship with God is . . . .

1 John 1:1-7

John 15:1-11

“abide” “remain” “continue”

all same Gk root word

# *The LIVING ROOM*