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Obedience: The Ultimate Test of True Faith

2 Corinthians 13:5-14

Tests of genuine, obedient faith:

1. First, care to examine your faith: is Christ in you? (13:5)
2. Must conclude that Christ's apostles speak His words (13:3, 6)
3. "Do no wrong" by repenting of sins (7a)
4. More concerned about others repentance than vindicating oneself (7b)
5. Loath to work against the truth; love for it (8)
6. Rejoicing in weakness (9; cf. 12:9-10)
7. Desiring completeness in God's people (9b)
8. Working to edify Christ's church, not misrepresenting it, causing others to stumble (10)
9. Always rejoicing in God's grace (11a)
10. Always working to complete oneself by living for God's glory (11b)
11. Being comforted always knowing God is in control (11c)
12. Agreeing with believers about Christ (11d)
13. Living in peace w/ our brothers in Christ (11e)
14. Greeting God's people with love & affection (12)
15. Sending love to Christians all over the world (13)
16. Desiring results: that Christ's grace, God's love & peace, and the Spirit's fellowship will never depart from us (11, 14)