

Reading: Psalm 139:23-24**Topic:** Personal Growth & Ministry Evaluation

INTRODUCTION: The Word of God instructs us to _____ ourselves, or to give ourselves a personal checkup from time to time to evaluate our _____ and state of growth.

I. CHARACTER:**A. Definition of Character:**

1. It has been said that we may display three views of ourselves: a. the person that _____ see and know; b. the person that we _____ that we are; and c. the person that God _____ we are.
2. Character is the combination of our _____ experiences, our emotions and the personal _____ and values that we have learned to incorporate into our everyday lives.
3. In order to be good _____ and ministers in the work of God, it requires the development of the Christ-like character, and it involves _____ discipline to keep our lives established on principles that are built upon the _____ of God. 2 Pt. 1:5-8

B. Personal Evaluation:

1. I assume responsibility for myself and for the obligations of ministry that I am involved in:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. I am established in my personal identity and in my self-worth in Christ.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. I do the things that I should do even when I don't feel like doing it.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

II. COMPASSION:**A. Compassion:**

1. Compassion is one of the virtues that should develop in us after being _____ again, for it was the character of Jesus when he _____ to the people in need. Mt. 9:36
2. Compassion is the quality of being able to sense the _____ and spiritual needs of others that God puts us in contact with so that we may be _____ to minister most effectively to them. Mk. 1:41
3. One cannot truly connect with and minister effectively to _____ without feeling their deep needs and longings, otherwise it will be like going through a mechanical motion _____ that will not touch the heart and soul of the individual. Lk. 10:33,34

B. Personal Evaluation:

1. I feel compassion for those that I am in contact with and minister to:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. I want to help others who are hurting and in need even when it costs me time and resources:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. I feel fulfilled when I serve and minister with compassion to others.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

III. COURAGE:

A. Facing Fears & Feelings:

1. Courage does not mean the lack of _____ or lack of feelings of inadequacy, but rather the ability to move forward and accomplish things that need to be _____ in spite of the obstacles. Jer. 1:6-8
2. The disciples were _____ and even though they declared their allegiance to _____ with bold words, they crumbled under pressure and forsook Him and fled. Mk. 14:50
3. Once the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit of God, they became _____ even in the face of threats and intimidation, and they overcame their _____ to spread the Word of God. Acts 4:13

B. Courage To Stand:

1. Once you establish principles and convictions in your _____ that are based upon the Word of God, you may be challenged and pressured to let _____ of them in order to please people. Dan. 6:5-11
2. It requires courage to _____ up for what is right and not to yield to the pressure that people will put on _____ to compromise and let go of your convictions. Dan. 3:14-18
3. When you do _____ for what is right, the Lord will bless you and help you to go through the battles and then give you the _____ in the end. Dan. 3:24,25

C. Personal Evaluation:

1. I desire to take a stand for what is right:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

2. I sometimes have fear when I face opposition for doing what is right:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

3. I am willing to speak up for what is right even when it is not popular:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Conclusion: Doing personal evaluation of our spiritual and physical _____ is not a waste of time but rather a valuable _____ to stimulate ourselves to keep going and growing in our spiritual lives and ministry.