The “True Christian Disciple’s” Acid Test:

Examine Yourself!

**The Counterfeit vs. The Genuine /// Tares vs. Wheat**

2 Timothy 3:1-7; Matthew 7:13-27; 13:1-9, 16-30, 36-50

Should we test ourselves to determine if we truly are a child of God and a genuine disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is saved?

2 Corinthians 13:5

We must examine our lives in the light of God’s Word to determine if we’re progressively and consistently developing and demonstrating genuine Christ-like character and qualities.

**The True Christian Character & Qualities Revealed In Scripture That Test Us:**

A) They love God and others passionately and bear fruit as they embrace and enforce the victory of the Blood of His Cross and seek to know Him and obey Him through His Word. If they slip or mess up, they learn to quickly and humbly repent and reconcile.

Mark 12:24-31; Revelation 12:11; Colossians 2:13-15 ; John 15:1-13,16;

 Galatians 5:13-24; 2 Peter 1:2-11

B) By the grace of God they selflessly die to all personal desires or plans and forsake or surrender all material wealth and ambitions to His purpose. In order to focus on intimately knowing , supremely loving and obediently serving the Lord their God in whatever and wherever He leads them.

Mark 8:34-38; Luke 14:25-27; 33-35; John 12:23-26

C) They diligently seek God to discover His dream and plans for their lives in His Word and in intimate prayer and communion with Him. Then they walk steadfastly and unwaveringly in faith toward the fulfillment and accomplishment of God’s divine purpose and destiny for their lives personally and corporately with God’s people. Even in the midst of the spiritual battles and setbacks that may come they put on and embrace God’s armour of grace and Truth to persevere and ultimately overcome and move forward, never giving up, trusting Him fully.

Joshua 1:8-9; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Hebrews 11:6; Eph. 6:10-18 (Eg. Joseph Genesis 27,39-50; Daniel and friends Daniel 1-3; David, John Mark, etc.)

D) They receive power to overcome sin and stop practicing lawlessness as they build their lives on the solid foundation of God’s Word.

John 1:12-13; Matthew 7:13-27; I John 3:1-11

E) They put to death the sinful desires of their flesh by the grace and power of His indwelling Holy Spirit.

Romans 8:1-17; Ephesians 4:17-5:11; Colossians 3:1-17

F) They receive Holy Spirit power to boldly share the Gospel in power and demonstration of the Spirit. That they may win the lost and make disciples in

obedience to His Word.

Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Acts 1:8; Acts 4:29-31; Acts 6:7-8

G) They’re unselfish, giving liberally and generously and even sacrificially by selling their possessions to support God’s work and His people.

Acts 2:41-47; Acts 4:32-37

H) They’re humble, submissive, respectful and loving toward authorities and others in their lives.

I Peter 5:5-7; I Thessalonians 5:12-13; Hebrews 13:17; Romans 13:1-10

I) They’re prayerful, joyful, peaceful, thankful and forgiving even in difficult and trying times.

 Acts 7:54-60, 16:16-34; Philippians 4:4-8; I Thess. 5:15-19; James 1:2-4

J) They’re Holy, bold, set apart for God’s purpose, separated from and not desiring this world and walking in God’s authority over demonic powers reverentially fearing God alone.

James 4:1-10; I Peter 5:8-11; I John 2:15-17; II Corinthians 6:14-7:1

If you pass the test, may God richly bless you and continue to guide and empower you by His unfailing grace until you see Him face to face. If you fail the test, please remember the Prodigal Son parable Jesus shared in Luke 15:11-24. Our Heavenly Father is ever searching the spiritual horizon searching for the return of His prodigal children. Return to Him with all your heart in genuine repentance and brokenness and He will lovingly receive you with joy! Joel 2:12-13; Ps. 51:1-13

Final Warning In Love: to those who take lightly this Word and any area of sinful practice in their lives – beware the dread release of God!

Hebrews 10:26-31; Hebrews 6:4-8; II Thessalonians 2:1-3; 9-12