

1. The Purpose of The Call

- A. Teaches us to know ourselves.
- B. We discover our hidden sins.
- C. The Holy Spirit can convict us and lead us to true repentance.

John 8:31, 32

2. Neglecting the Call is Damaging and Self-Destructive.

- A. Hardens the heart.
 - Feeds the attitudes of self-reliance and self-justification.
- B. Leads to our unwillingness to judge ourselves.
 - While at the same time we readily judge others.

3. Self-Reflection Demands Diligence.

2 Corinthians 13:5

- Self-Examination is critical because:
it will show us what we don't know about ourselves.

4. Self-Reflection leads to Repentance

Lamentations 3:40b; Zechariah 1:3

Sin is an aversion and turning away from God; repentance is a returning to Him.

A BRIEF SELF-EXAM **Lamentations 3:40a**

A. What is your attitude concerning sin? **Hebrews 12:1, 2**

How do you deal with sin?
When God convicts you of your sinfulness, how do you respond?

B. Are you saved? **1 John 5:11-13**

Only God and you know if you are saved.
Are you sure?

C. Do you desire to live a fully restored life in Jesus? **Philippians 4:13**

Thank God that we can confess our sins to Him,
and He forgives us of all unrighteousness. **1 John 1:8-10**

D. Are you willing to work with other Christians? **2 Corinthians 13:11**

We need to rejoice, strive for full restoration, encourage one another,
be of 1 mind, and live in peace.
This is how we are to live together.

Conclusion: Paul ends his second letter to the Corinthians with a final greeting.

2 Corinthians 13: 14