

Correcting Things in 2019 Pt. 6

SELF EXAM

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- Examining oneself is the best way to open the door for correction. *1Cor. 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*
- It's always better to realize you need correction rather than having it presented to you by others. *Psa. 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*
- When we judge ourselves, we can deal with the public and private issues that no one is privy to. *Prov. 14:10 The heart knoweth his own bitterness; and a stranger doth not intermeddle with his joy.*



- **Self-examination should begin with realizing what and who in our past traumatized or hurt us severely. *Dan. 2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.***
- **If we are harboring issues, we are projecting those issues through our character. It's impossible to hide what hurt us. *Heb. 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;***
- **This is why forgiveness and regeneration through God is a must to move forward from it. *Psa. 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.***



- **Self-examination should end with the company we keep. Who we surround ourselves with or desire to be in the presence of shows our character. *1Cor. 5:11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.***
- **A person that surrounds themselves with foolish people are avoiding self-examination so they do not have to change. *1Cor. 15:33 Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals.***
- **When we refuse to examine ourselves, we end up living a life that caters to our deficits instead of God's plan for us. *2Tim. 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;***



• **Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?**

A close-up photograph of a typewriter carriage. A white sheet of paper is positioned in the carriage, with the word "Summary" typed in a black, serif font. Above the paper, a silver metal ruler is visible, showing markings for 4/0 and 5/0. The typewriter's metal components, including the carriage and typebars, are visible in the foreground and background.

Summary

There can be no true correction without examination. We must learn to examine ourselves and hold our choices up to God's Word on our own. It's good to have people correct you and let you know when you need to change something, but it's much better when the conviction of God can come to us when no one is around!

This is evidence of the Holy Ghost living inside of us. He convicts, reproves, and rebukes us when no one is around to check us. When we allow the Holy Spirit to do this, we can make corrections on our own and live according to God's standard, publicly and privately.

John 16:7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

John 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

John 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

John 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

John 16:12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.