

HEART-SEARCHING

For Prayer, Preparation, and Personal Revival

Psalm 139:23 - *"Search me, O God and know my heart, try me and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*

Confession of sin is necessary for fellowship with God, and revival among God's people. Prayerfully, consider the following questions. Go through these questions one by one. Answer truthfully these questions.

In reading these questions, as you are convicted of sin, confess it at once to God. Be willing to make it right. Then you can claim cleansing and forgiveness.

Be sure to name your sin to God, as . . . "Lord, I have not put you first in my plans," or "I have neglected your work and prayer." Do not make the least excuse for sin of any kind in your life.

No matter what others do, or do not do, Christian, leave nothing undone on your part. God wants to work through you to bring about a great spiritual awakening. He can begin by your fulfilling every requirement shown by the Lord through the Holy Spirit and His word. A revival from the Presence of the Lord begins today IF your desire it! (Read the Scriptures indicated first. Ask the question. Give a truthful answer... "yes" or "no".)

- 1. Matthew 6:12-14** - Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge? Anyone you haven't forgiven? Anyone you hate? Anyone you do not love? Are there any misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forget? Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment or jealousy? Anyone you dislike to hear praised or well spoken of? Do you allow anything to justify a wrong attitude toward another?
- 2. Matthew 6:33** - Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first? Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom and desires, rather than seeking and following God's will? Do any of the following in any way interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambition, pleasures, loved ones, friendships, desire for recognition, money, your own plans?
- 3. Mark 16:15** - Have you failed to seek the lost for Christ? Have you failed to witness consistently with your mouth for the Lord Jesus Christ? Has your life not shown to the lost the Lord Jesus? Do your friends know that you are a Christian? When is the last time you've tried to befriend someone in order to share Christ?
- 4. John 13:35** - Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another? Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancements of another? Are you guilty of contention or strife? Do you quarrel, argue or engage in heated discussions? Are you a partaker in any divisions, or party spirit? Are there people whom you deliberately slight?
- 5. Acts 20:35** - Have you robbed God by withholding His due of time, talents and money? Have you given less than a tenth of any monies you receive for God's work? Do you regularly give at

your church? Do you help people who are in need? Do you overlook the poor? Do you have an arrogant attitude towards some people?

6. **Romans 14:21** – Are you stubborn in wanting your own rights? Do you have a defiant attitude when someone has a problem with your appearance, your music, your activities? Are you willing to give up your rights for the sake of peace...so it is not an offense to someone else?
7. **I Corinthians 4:2** - Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord's work? Are you allowing your emotions to be stirred for things of the Lord but doing nothing about it?
8. **I Corinthians 6:19, 20** - Are you in any way careless with your body? Do you fail to care for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit? Do you have problems with over-eating, under-eating, binge-eating, purging? Do you have any habits which are defiling to the body? Do you use illegal drugs? Do you drink? Do you push the limits “sexually”?
9. **I Corinthians 10:31** - Do you take the slightest credit for anything good about you, rather than give all the glory to God? Do you talk of what you have done rather than of what Christ has done? Are your statements mostly about "I"? Are your feelings easily hurt? Have you made a pretense of being something that you are not?
10. **Ephesians 3:20** - Are you self-conscious rather than Christ-conscious? Do you allow feelings of inferiority to keep you from attempting things you should in serving God?
11. **Ephesians 4:28** - Do you cheat? Do you steal? Are you really honest? Do you owe money to someone and refuse to pay it back on time? Do you shoplift? Do you borrow things without permission? Are you generous with your possessions?
12. **Ephesians 4:31** - Do you complain? Do you find fault? Do you have a critical attitude towards any person or thing? Are you irritable or cranky? Do you ever carry hidden anger? Do you get angry? Do you become impatient with others? Are you ever harsh or unkind? Do you ever post unkind things on the internet?
13. **Ephesians 5:16** - Do you listen to unedifying music that glorifies sex and/or violence? Is your music God-honoring? What about watching TV shows that flaunt values that are displeasing to God? Do you read unworthy magazines? Do you partake in worldly amusements? Do you go to the wrong kinds of movies? Do you go to the wrong kinds of chat rooms? Are you doing certain things that show that you are not satisfied in the Lord Jesus Christ? Are you wasting your time with too much TV, gaming, or time on the computer?
14. **Ephesians 5:20** - Have you neglected to thank Him for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good? Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His Word? Do you worry? Is your spiritual temperature based on your feelings instead of on the facts of God's Word? Do you thank God for the blessings in spite of the difficulties? Do you thank God for your parents? Family? School? Church?
15. **Philippians 1:21** - Are you taken up with the cares of this life? Is your conversation or heart joy over "things" rather than the Lord and His Word? Does anything mean more to you than living for and pleasing Christ?

16. **Philippians 2:14** - Do you ever by word or deed seek to hurt someone? Do you gossip? Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present? Do you carry prejudice against true Christians because they are of some different groups than yours, or because they do not see everything exactly like you?
17. **Philippians 4:4** - Have you neglected to seek to be pleasing to Him in all things? Do you carry any bitterness toward God? Have you complained against Him in any way? Have you been dissatisfied with His provisions for you? Is there in your heart any unwillingness to obey God fully? Do you have any reservations as to what you would or would not do concerning anything that might be His will? Have you disobeyed some direct leading from Him?
18. **Colossians 3:9** - Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversation? Do you ever lie? Do you exaggerate? Steal? Do you cheat on tests, reading assignments? Do you copy from others? Plagiarize from someone else's work?
19. **II Timothy 2:22** - Do you have any personal habits that are not pure? Do you allow impure thoughts about another person to stay in your mind? Do you read that which is impure or suggests unholy things? Do you indulge in any unclean entertainment? Are you looking at pornography? Are you guilty of the lustful look?
20. **Hebrews 10:25** - Do you regularly attend church? Are you allowing school work and activities to keep you away from youth group? Are you listening in church and engaged in what is happening? Do you sit in the far back? Do you try to meet other people in your church family? Do you engage in conversations with older people? With children? Are you faithful? If your church helped send you on a mission trip, did you thank them? Are you developing a sense of thankfulness and loyalty to your church family?
21. **Hebrews 12:3 - 4** - Are you teachable and willing to resist temptation? Do you want to overcome the problems you're facing? Are you willing to obey God---no matter how difficult it is?
22. **Hebrews 13:17** - Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church? To parents? To teachers? To youth leaders? Are you lazy? Do you in any way have a stubborn or unteachable spirit? Do you have a good attitude when asked to do some work?
23. **James 1:27** - Have you allowed yourself to become spotted by the world? Is your manner of dress pleasing to God? Do you spend beyond what is pleasing to God on anything? Do you neglect to pray about things that you buy?
24. **James 4:6** - Do you feel that you are doing quite well as a Christian? That you are not so bad and God is lucky to have you? That you are good enough? Do you insist on having your own way? Do you insist on your "rights"? If people don't notice you, do you get hurt? Is life all about you?
25. **James 4:11** - Have you dishonored Him and hindered His work by criticizing His servants? Have you failed to pray regularly for your pastor, other spiritual leaders, your parents, your friends? Do you find it hard not to gossip? Are you more concerned about what people will think than what will be pleasing to God? If you disagree with a rule, do you become sinful in your reaction?

**If you have been honest and true in the matter of admitting your sins,
then you are ready for God's cleansing.**

Sins that are admitted are sins that are confessed.

Remember these three things:

- 1) If the sin is against God, confess it to God, and make things right with God.
- 2) If the sin is against another person, confess it to God, and make things right with the other one.
- 3) If the sin is against a group, confess it to God, and make it right with the group.

If there is full confession, there will be full cleansing.

The joy of the lord will follow.

Then there can be testimony and prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Revival will follow.

