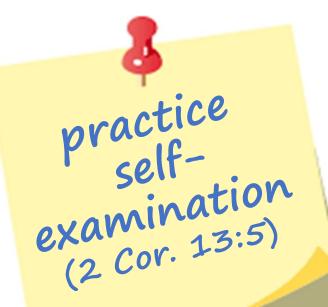


11 So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

- Sin no longer rules my body
 - I won't be driven by my desires
 - · I won't use my body as a tool for sin
- God raised me from the dead through Jesus!
 - · I am a weapon for righteousness



5 Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test!

- I will compare my life to the standard
 - · Regularly and routinely
 - · What I think, feel, believe and practice
 - · How I treat others
- Christ will dwell in me if I remain in Christ



7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

- His ways are higher than my ways!
 - I must resist the urge to innovate
 - · I will re-model my heart
 - · I will mourn my rebellions
- Be humble now. Be exalted later!



20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit,

21 keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

- There's no shortcut to stronger faith
 - · Faith grows through learning and living the word
 - · Let God speak to me more often
 - · Talk to God more often
- Preserve my relationship with God
 - · His grace accessed through my faith
- Persevere with expectation of His mercy...
 ... and confident hope of eternal life



8 Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward.

- That's just what Jesus said...
 - · Don't let your heart be weighed down
 - · Don't get distracted by the cares of this life
 - · Watch!
 - · Pray!
 - · Be ready to stand before the Son of Man
- I know our labor is not in vain... in the Lord
- I am watching and waiting for our loving, gracious, merciful and faithful Savior
- More than anything, I want a full reward!



