

Examining Our Faith

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world." 1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

_____ might be called an "eternity _____". Will it work?

Is Examination Of One's Faith Really Necessary?

- A. The _____ doesn't think that there is one _____ religion. Examination is merely how we find what's _____ for us.
- B. How God's word views this question:
 1. 2 Corinthians 13:5 - We are to _____ ourselves to see if we're _____ in the _____, or if we're _____.
 2. It matters a great deal whether or not our _____ is "right"!
 3. 1 Corinthians 11:28,29 - In the _____'s _____, we are to _____ ourselves.

Why We Must Examine Our Faith

A. **Worship can be in vain:**

1. Mark 7:6-8 - _____ said that some worship in vain when they substitute _____'s _____ for _____'s.
2. Hebrews 11:4 - _____'s sacrifice was in vain because he didn't offer it by _____.
3. We don't want to send in our _____ in vain!

B. **People can be deceived:**

1. Matthew 7:21-23 - _____ spoke of some who thought they were pleasing _____. But He didn't _____ them!
2. 1 John 4:1 - There are many _____ prophets in the world; we must _____ the _____.
3. Is there a difference between _____ and _____?
_____?

C. **Religious zeal is not enough:**

1. Many in the South are zealous about _____ or _____. Is this acceptable _____?
2. Acts 22:3 - _____ was zealous in his _____ of _____. God wasn't pleased!
3. Romans 10:1-3 - _____ had zeal, but not according to _____. One has to _____ to God's _____.

Nietzsche: When presented with love, gentleness, nobility, etc., "
... there is _____ you cannot get them to
_____."

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