

MAY 21

**“WE ARE TO EXAMINE  
OURSELVES OFTEN TO SEE  
IF WE ARE TRULY IN THE FAITH.”**

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**READ**

*2 Peter 3:9-18*

You can be a prophetic genius and a practical failure. You can know Scriptures and be able to draw the maps and charts. Still, if your heart is not right with God, if you are not walking in holiness and obedience, if you aren't taking pains to examine whether or not you are in the faith, then you don't understand what faith is all about. We've been bought with blood and are the property of God. We don't have the right to do what we want to do, to go where we want to go. We belong to Jesus. He has a will. He has a way. It is our responsibility to find it and do it. It's our responsibility to say to Him every day, "Lord, turn the light on. If you find something that's unlike You, show it to me and help me to deal with it." The Bible says that when Jesus comes back, He's coming back for a bride who is spotless, without wrinkle, or blemish. He's coming back for people who've been baptized, covered in the blood, filled up with the Spirit, and who are walking in holiness.

**PRAY**

God, I cannot do this without You. May I be on guard and be guided by Your Holy Spirit as I prepare for Your return. May I grow in the grace and knowledge of my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forevermore. Amen.

*From March 30, 2003*