

The Four Questions

A self-examination worksheet from Chapter Ten of The Essential Call

"Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!" (Psalm 139:23)
Complete this alone and prayerfully, then share what you are willing to share with your group. Date it, keep it, and revisit it every six months. This is an inventory meant to send you back to the Vine (John 15:5), not to produce guilt for its own sake.

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1. Have I counted the cost? (Luke 14:28-33)

What is Christ asking of me right now in each of these areas?

My relationships	
My ambitions	
My comfort	
My self-determination	

2. Am I abiding or merely performing? (John 15:5)

Mark where you honestly are with the ordinary means of grace.

Means of grace	Regular	Irregular	Absent
Personal Scripture reading			
Prayer			
Corporate worship			
The Lord's Supper			
Ongoing repentance			

Where does my Christian life feel like straining rather than drawing on Christ?

3. Who is my Paul? Who is my Timothy? (2 Timothy 2:2)

My Paul (someone further along investing in me):	My Timothy (someone I am investing in):
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If either answer is "no one," name one person to pray about and a date by which you will ask them:

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4. What does the fruit show? (Galatians 5:22-23; John 13:35)

Compared with six months ago, is there less, the same, or more?

Fruit of the Spirit	Less	Same	More
Love			
Joy			
Peace			
Patience			
Kindness			
Goodness			
Faithfulness			
Gentleness			
Self-control			

Whose faith has grown because of my influence this year?

My Next Step

One step I will take before my next review:

Shared with:	Next review date:
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