

1 John 4:6 - *"We are of God: he that knoweth God beareth us; he that is not of God beareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."*

*** Inspect the Love for Fellow Believers**

1 John 2:9 - *"He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now."*

Conclusion:

The Apostle Peter sums up the reality of our relationship with God very well. We are supposed to be partakers in God's Divine nature. We have escaped the corruption of the world.

As such, we should be **VERY DILIGENT** to inspect our walk as a believer. We should be growing in our faith, adding virtue, knowledge, self-control, patience, godliness, kindness, and love.

Peter writes the following...

*"Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (5) And beside this,*

*giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**; and to virtue **knowledge**; (6) And to knowledge **temperance**; and to temperance **patience**; and to patience **godliness**; (7) And to godliness brotherly **kindness**; and to brotherly kindness **charity**.*

*(8) For **if these things be in you, and abound**, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*(9) **But he that lacketh these things is blind**, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.*

*(10) Wherefore the rather, brethren, **give diligence to make your calling and election sure**: for if ye do these things, ye shall **never fall**."*
(2 Peter 1:4-10)

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"Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit."
(Matthew 12:33)

God's Word makes it clear that we can know if someone is a Christian or not. The Holy Spirit living in a previously spiritually dead person, WILL make a difference! There will be evidence of **NEW LIFE!**

"I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and

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the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

If the above verse is true (IT IS), and Jesus now lives in and through us... how could we NOT be changing?

The following is a list of some of the things that the Bible has to say about this matter. Apply these “inspections” to your own life, and then ask God for help in the areas that fall short.

God wants us to be more fruitful in Him, than we want it ourselves. He will help us... We just need to ask Him!

Bible-based Inspections:

*** Inspect Obedience to His Commandments**

1 John 2:3-4 - *“And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. (4) He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”*

*** Inspect Obedience to His Word**

1 John 2:5 - *“But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.”*

*** Inspect the Fruit**

Matthew 7:17 - *“Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.”*

*** Inspect the Good Works**

James 2:17 - *“Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.”*

Ephesians 2:10 - *“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”*

*** Inspect the Christ-likeness**

1 John 2:6 - *“He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”*

*** Inspect the Purity**

1 John 3:3 - *“And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”*

2 Corinthians 7:1 - *“Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves*

from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.”

*** Inspect the righteousness**

1 John 2:29 - *“If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.”*

*** Inspect the Light**

Ephesians 5:8 - *“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now [are ye] light in the Lord: walk as children of light:”*

1 John 1:6 - *“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:”*

*** Inspect the Confessions of Jesus - Son of God**

1 John 2:23 - *“Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also.”*

*** Inspect the Confessions of Jesus - Messiah come in the Flesh**

1 John 4:2 - *“Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:”*

*** Inspect one's Agreement with the Apostles**