

A man in a blue shirt is sitting in a field, reading an open Bible. The background is a soft-focus landscape with tall grass and a white tent-like structure. The text is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

*The Unexamined Life*

2 Corinthians 13:5

# What Have You Done?

- God has often asked this question (Gen. 3:13; 4:10; 1 Sam. 13:11; 1 Kgs. 19:9; Neh. 13:17; Acts 5:8; cf. Gen. 12:18; 20:9; 26:10).
- Few answer the question honestly (Eph. 5:16; Acts 5:8; Gen. 31:26-28; 3:11-13).
- Not just what, but why (Matt. 25:24-27; 12:3-7).
- Answering these questions honestly is the only way forward (Lk. 5:31-32).

# Truth and Mercy

- Without God, all the fears of self-examination are justified (Ecc. 2:11).
- With God, the greatest fears of self-examination are reduced to nothing (Jn. 9:40-41).
- And with God, we are only admitting what He already knows (1 Jn. 1:9).
- But the search must continue not only to find faults but also potential faults (2 Cor. 12:7).
- Be careful that seeing yourself doesn't make you proud of your accomplishment (Lk. 18:10-13; Rom. 11:13-22; cf. Jn. 4:22; Matt. 23:2-3; Heb. 4:15-16).