

## Just Checking Up On Myself

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Many years ago in an Alabama town a boy walked into the drug store and asked if he could use the telephone. The druggist pointed towards it and said it would be all right. So, the young fellow took down the receiver and was heard to say, "Central, would you give me number 604, please." Then after a pause while the call went through, "Is that Doctor Anderson? Good afternoon, sir. Would you like to hire a boy to mow the lawn, milk the cow, and run errands? Oh, you already have someone. Doctor Anderson, are you satisfied with his work? You are? Well, goodbye, Doctor Anderson." The boy thanked the druggist for the use of the phone and started out of the store, when the man called to him and said, "Son, I believe you could do some work for me." The boy replied, "Oh, I have a job." "But didn't I hear you just now trying to get a job from Doctor Anderson?" "No sir. Actually, I work for Doctor Anderson. I was just checking up on myself."

*"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? — unless indeed you are disqualified" ~ 2 Corinthians 13:5*

**"Examine"** (peirazō): "to test (objectively), i.e., endeavor, scrutinize... examine...prove...try" [**Strong's Greek Dictionary**].

**"Test"** (dokimazō): "to test (literally or figuratively); by implication, to approve; ...discern, examine" [**Strong's Greek Dictionary**]

Dear Christian, have you "examined" and "tested" yourself lately? Some may think they are doing very well because they are a member of a local church, and the leaders of that church have not rebuked, corrected or admonished them. But Paul instructed the Corinthian Christians to examine themselves to see if they were in the faith! Could you and I do that? Objectively? What standard might we use? You see, we are always examining everyone else. Maybe we need to take a little time to do some self-evaluating.

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