



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“Those who sin less can sometimes think they are sinless by their attitudes and may become difficult people to be in fellowship with.”

Inspection

When I was a teenager my father was driving us to church one Sunday morning. As we approached the church, we saw a police car with his flashing lights behind us. We stopped and he stopped behind us, right at the church’s front doors. My father said, “What the Sam Hill?” The officer got out of his car and came up to my father. My father told us to get out of the car and go into the church. In my Sunday school, the kids were talking: “Did you see that cop stopped someone? That man broke the law. Maybe he is a robber.” I was too embarrassed to say it was my father. I found out after church, that he was stopped because the car inspection had just expired eight hours before. Many years later, my father forgot again. This time it was discovered during the funeral procession to the grave site for my mother. That would have really been embarrassing for the police to stop him then.

There are all kinds of inspection, testing, and verification of materials, products, buildings, roads, food, services and even human examinations for health issues. All these processes have one thing in common. They are looking for faults, defects or issues that may cause failure, problems, danger, illness, or even death.

The Bible states that we are not to be inspectors or judges of others. But we are to perform inspection or examination of ourselves. We are imperfect and sinners by nature and by choice. “Where, as by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” Rom 5:12 “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Rom 5:8

Through a onetime admitting that we are a sinner and accepting that Christ paid the penalty for our sin, we become born again. We then became a child of God but this does not remove us of our old sin nature. We need to ask our Lord to inspect our behavior, our attitudes, our thought life, and our devotion. We need to confess our sins to God and said I am sorry to our fellow men. The more self-centered we become, the more we are critical of God and others. We need to ask Him to help fix what is wrong and broken in us and not in our friends and family. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.” I John 1:9, 10



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But let a man examine himself 1 Cor. 11:28

The Inspector is waiting to make you good again. His appointment book is always open.

Are you overdue for an inspection?



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