

IF METHODISTS ASKED THEM, WHY NOT ME?

I'm told these are 22 questions the members of John Wesley's Holy Club asked themselves every day in their private devotions. If Methodists — who practice infant baptism and believe they can lose their salvation — ask these questions of themselves, how much more should Bible-believing Baptists be asking them??

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I am better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on to another what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work, or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying, or self-justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me every day?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy, or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold resentment towards, or disregard? If so, what am I doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

Much of today's preaching and teaching fails to exhort believers to examine themselves daily by the Word of God (2 Corinthians 13:5; James 1:22-25). As a result, many Christians are ignorant of the doctrines of biblical separation — instead patterning themselves after the watered-down Christianity of today (2 Timothy 4:3,4). Worldliness amongst independent Baptist has sadly become the norm: Brethren, these things ought not so to be. If our light is to shine brightly in these dark days, then there must be a continual trimming of OUR wick and polishing of OUR lamp. Let's get back to asking the hard questions of ... ourselves!

“Search **ME**, O God, and know my heart: try **ME**, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in **ME**, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalms 139:23,24