CONDUCTING A SPIRITUAL AUDIT: 12 QUESTIONS TO KEEP YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNTS IN ORDER

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1. Am I content with who I am becoming?

Not what I do, but who I am.

2. Am I becoming less religious and more spiritual?

Religion is something I control.

Spirituality is an experience that controls me.

3. Does my family recognize the authenticity of my spirituality?

Can your family say, "There is something of God in you?"

4. Do I have a flow-through philosophy?

We are blessed to be a blessing.

Do you see yourself as a pump, or a pipe?

5. Do I have a quiet center to my life?

There is an important difference between the fast track and the frantic track.

Peace is the evidence of God.

6. Have I defined my unique ministry?

Opportunity is not mandate.

Do I know and regularly do the things I do well?

7. Is my prayer life improving?

Oswald Chambers defines the essence of prayer as "finding the mind of Christ."

8. Have I maintained a genuine awe of God?

Awe isn't learned; it is realized.

9. Is my humility genuine?

Accept your strength with gratitude knowing that what you have comes through you, not from you.

10. Is my "spiritual feeding" the right diet for me?

We are all different. We have different character traits that need developing or removed.

11. Is obedience in small matters built into my reflexes?

Is obedience out of love?

How do I handle disobedience? Excuses? Confession? Carry guilt? Punish myself? God alone can forgive. And He will.

12. Do I have joy?

Based on God's Sovereignty.

Umbrella Question:

Am I working for progress or pride? What is my motive? Most often it is some of each.