

Measuring Ourselves The Smart Way

2 Cor. 10:12-18

Introduction:

- A. Paul was careful how he measured himself? (v. 12).
- B. Paul refers to three possible standards by which we may measure our lives:.

Discussion:

I. **Oneself.** “They measure themselves *by* themselves.”

- A. A fool is right in his own eyes. (Prov. 12:15).
- B. What seems right may bring death. (Prov. 14:12).
- C. Nearly everyone proclaims own goodness. (Prov. 20:6) - but few saved. (Matt. 7:13,14).
- D. Woe to those wise in own eyes. (Isa. 5:21).
- E. Self-righteous lost. (Rom. 10:1-3).

II. **One’s Neighbor.** “Comparing themselves *among* themselves.”

- A. Jews did this. (Mt. 15:9,14).
- B. Common practice often the standard. (Num. 16:1-3).
- C. Judged by our works, not another’s. (Rev. 20:13).
- D. Statements that reveal such measurement.
 - 1. “Well, so & so, did it, so can I”.
 - 2. “The preacher did it.”
 - 3. “If He can go to heaven, so can I”.
 - 4. “What I did is no worse than what you did.”
 - 5. “Brother Blank said...”

III. **God.** (v. 13,18)

- A. We must speak as oracles of God. (1 Pet. 4:11).
- B. We must measure ourselves of God’s standard.
 - 1. Furnishes to every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16,17).
 - 2. Gives all things pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Pet. 1:3).
 - 3. Contains all spiritual truth. (Jno. 16:13; 14:26; 17:17).
 - 4. It is mirror of soul. (Jas. 1:25).
 - 5. To transgress is to be without God. (2 John 9).
 - 6. Will be judged by it. (Rev. 20:12; John 12:48)

Conclusion:

- A. Search the Scriptures. (Acts 17:11).
- B. Measure life by Scriptures. (Jas. 1:25).