



**EXAMINE  
OURSELVES  
TO SEE ...**

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## 1 Corinthians 11:27

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before he eats of the bread and  
drinks of the cup.



## II Corinthians 13:5-6

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ is in you, unless you fail the test?



**EXAMINATION > EVIDENCE**



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Jesus > Paul (*Acts 26:18*)

“I am sending you to them to OPEN their eyes and TURN them from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, so that they may RECEIVE forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are SANCTIFIED by faith in me.”



**EXAMINE ... Has this happened to you?**

- 
- eyes **opened**
  - heart **turned**
  - gift **received**
  - life **changed**

darkness > light

Satan > God

sin > forgiveness

faith > holiness



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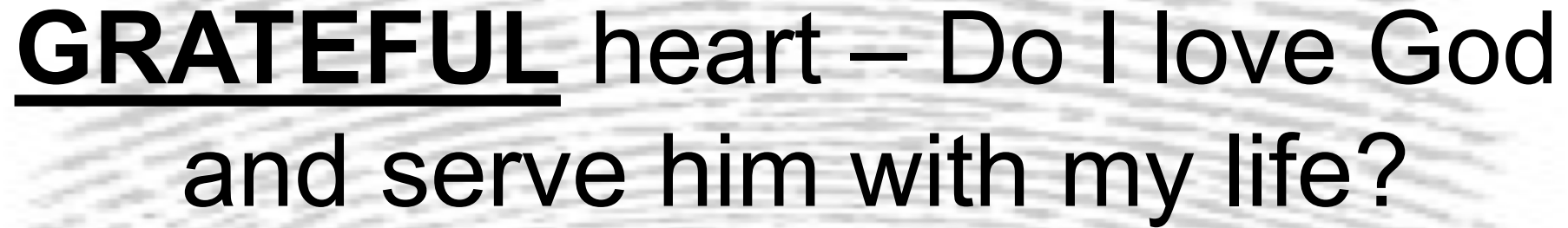


Everything that is real leaves  
a trail of evidence .

**HONEST** heart – Have I accepted  
God's diagnosis and care?

**TRUSTING** heart – Have I trusted  
Christ [alone] to save me?

**HUMBLE** heart – Have I acknowledged  
Christ as the Lord of my life?



**GRATEFUL** heart – Do I love God  
and serve him with my life?

**COMMITTED** heart – Do I pursue a  
relationship with God?



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A landscape photograph featuring a vibrant rainbow arching over a range of mountains. In the foreground, a lone, dark tree stands on a hillside. The sky is a mix of blue and white, suggesting a clear day with some clouds. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

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A Christian displays evidence of both  
connection and commitment to God.



CONNECTION = initiated through **faith**  
and strengthened through individual **effort**.

Just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted down and built up in the faith ... do not be taken captive by deceptive philosophy which depends on human tradition and worldly principles rather than Christ. (Col. 2:6-7)



COMMITMENT = **lifestyle** of honoring your friendship with God by following his teachings and expectations.

Don't you know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? (*James 4:4*)



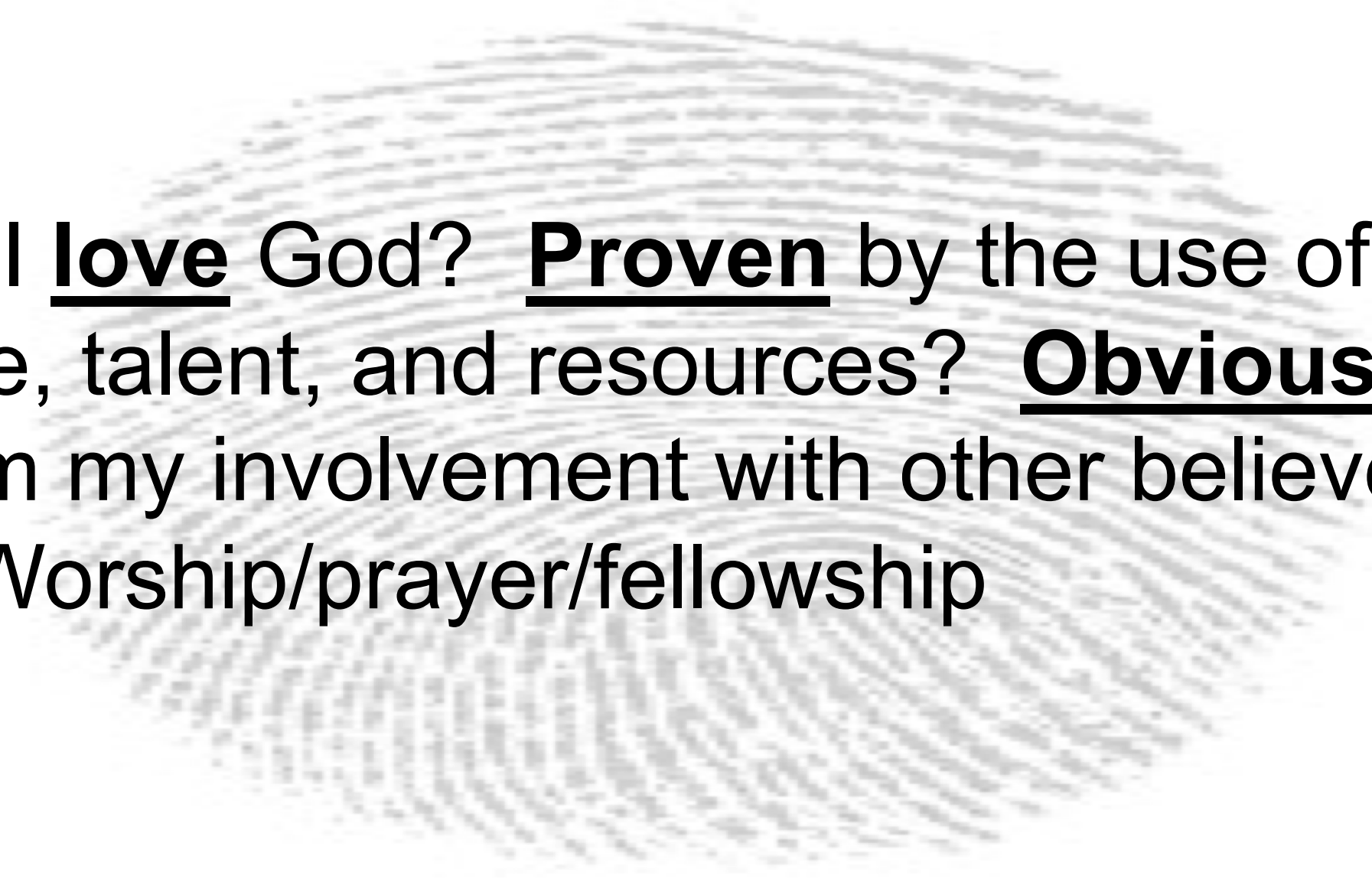
Where Is The Evidence?

Do I acknowledge the Bible as God's  
**revelation** and **rulebook**?

Man shall not live by bread alone  
but by every word which comes  
from God's mouth. (*Matt. 4:4*)

Does my **lifestyle** reflect God's **character**?

We have come to know him if we obey his commands. The one who says "I know him" but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him ... If you claim to live in him you must walk as Jesus did. (*1 John 2:3-6*)



Do I **love** God? **Proven** by the use of my  
time, talent, and resources? **Obvious**  
from my involvement with other believers  
... Worship/prayer/fellowship

So draw near to God with a sincere heart and full faith ... hold unswervingly to the hope you profess ... Spur one another on toward love and good deeds ... Never give up meeting together (as some folks do) but continually encourage each other. *(Heb. 10:22-25)*

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