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ATTENTION



Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Acts 20:28 ESV

Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you.

1 Timothy 4:16 NASB

Pay Close Attention To Yourself!



✓ We need to know ourselves

✓ **We need to examine ourselves**

- The most important examination relates to the faith (2 Cor. 13:5)
- The next inquiry should relate to our conduct: “Is my life right”? (James 1:22-25)
- Am I zealous for the Lord, the kingdom, the truth? (Rev. 3:16)

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- There is a need for discipline (1 Cor. 9:24-27)
- Take note of the end of those who failed in this regard (1 Cor. 10:1-6)
- Take control!
 - Of your thoughts (2 Cor. 10:4)
 - Of your actions (Eph. 5:3-7)
 - Of your words (James 1:26)
 - Of your influence (2 Cor. 3:2-3)



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- ✓ **We need to improve ourselves**
 - Paul resisted a static faith (Phil. 3:13-14)
 - Step back and take a look at our work (Gal. 6:4)
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Recognize that finding improvement can be paradoxical

- We find rest under a yoke (Mt. 11:28-30)
- We find our life by losing it (Mt. 10:39)
- We find greatness in being the least (Lk. 9:48)
- We find wisdom in becoming “fools” (1 Cor. 3:18)
- We find freedom in becoming slaves (Rom. 6:18)
- We find strength in our weakness (2 Cor. 12:10)
- We find triumph in defeat (2 Cor. 12:7-9)
- We find life by dying (John 12:24-25)



For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away *from it*.

Hebrews 2:1 NASB