

# “You’re not my judge!”

**T**he Bible calls on all of us to examine ourselves to see what possible evil lurks beneath the surface of our skin.

For example Paul says in 1 Cor. 11:28 “A man ought to examine himself.”

In Hebrews it says “See to it brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.” (3:12)

Paul even calls on Christians to “...examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.” 2 Cor. 13:5.

So we ought to check and make sure we are even Christians.

Then the Bible even goes farther in our responsibility to check up on ourselves.

Sometimes we may hear someone say this to us when we have suggested that their actions are not

right. They become defensive and tell us off with this statement.

In one sense they are perfectly right. We are not another person’s judge. We have enough to do judging ourselves in the light of God’s Word, the Bible.

We hear people in the Bible calling on God to examine them. This certainly removes any thought of going easy on ourselves. We must judge ourselves carefully and honestly, without missing any detail.

In Psalm 26:2 the Psalmist says, “Test me, O LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind.”

Again in Psalm 139:23 we read, “Search me O God, and know my heart; test me...”

What a challenge. Imagine inviting God in to our most intimate thoughts and feelings and asking Him to make a judgment call on what He sees! Have you ever thought

of being so bold as to ask God to do this? It takes a humble person to do any such thing. It also takes a person who knows his sins are forgiven and his iniquities are blotted out.

Make no mistake there is One Who is the judge of us all, and judge He will. Who will plead your case before His court?

The Bible calls on us to retain Jesus Christ as our Advocate. He alone is qualified to plead our case.

If we confess our sins, forsaking them, and receive Jesus Christ as our Advocate, we shall be acquitted of our sins. If we do not, we shall have to plead our own case and the Bible tells us we shall lose the case and be left out for all eternity.

Seek Him while He may be found.

Call out to Him while He is near.