

The Death of Progress

“But if we would examine ourselves, we would not be judged.” – 1 Cor. 11:31
It has been said that self-satisfaction is the death of progress. Any Christian who really knows what it is to follow Jesus will always realize there is a long way to go. We want to keep moving forward spiritually. We have to keep growing and learning.

And if we want to see a revival, then we need to humble ourselves and pray.
In 2 Chronicles 7:14

God says, “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

Of the twelve Hebrew words employed in the Scriptures to express the verb to pray – the one used here in 2 Chronicles 7:14 – means “to judge self habitually.” We are so quick to judge and criticize others habitually when the Bible says we actually should be judging ourselves.

Simply put, to judge ourselves means that we recognize we have a long way to go. Are you satisfied with where you are spiritually? After years of walking with the Lord, the apostle Paul said this:

“Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which I also was laid hold of by Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended;

but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead. I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:12-14)

If we were to spend less time criticizing others and spend more time examining ourselves, then maybe we would experience a revival.

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