

QUIET TIME GUIDE

Confession & Repentance

"Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; see if there is any anxious way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23,24

Prayerfully consider the following questions, just a few each day. Every affirmative answer indicates an area of sin in your life.

As you are convicted of sin, confess it at once to God. Be willing to make it right. Be sure to *name* the sin. Do not make even the least excuse for sin of any kind in your life. *"Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confess and forsakes them will obtain mercy."* Proverbs 28:13

No matter what others do, or do not do, leave nothing undone on your part. God wants to work through you to bring about a great spiritual awakening. He can begin by your fulfilling every requirement shown by the Lord through the Holy spirit and the Word. A revival from the presence of the Lord begins today...if you desire it.

Read the Scripture first. Ask the questions. Give truthful answers.

Matthew 6:12,14-15

Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge?

Anyone you haven't forgiven?

Anyone you hate?

Anyone you do not love?

Are there any misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forget?

Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment, or jealousy?

Anyone you dislike to hear praised or well spoken of?

Do you allow anything to justify a wrong attitude toward another?

Matthew 6:33

Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first?

Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom and desires, rather than seeking and following God's will?

Do any of the following in any way interfere with your surrender and service to God...ambition? Pleasures? Loved ones?

Friendships? Desire for recognition, money, your own plans?

Mark 16:15

Have you failed to seek the lost for Christ?

Have you failed to witness consistently with your mouth for the Lord?

Has your life not shown to the lost the Lord Jesus?

John 13:35

Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another?

Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancements of another?

Are you guilty of any contention or strife?

Do you quarrel, argue, or engage in any heated discussions?

Are you a partaker in any divisions or parting spirit?

Are there people whom you deliberately slight?

Acts 20:35

Have you robbed God by withholding His due time, talents or money?

Have you given less than a tenth of your income for God's work?

Have you failed to support mission work either in prayer or in offering?

I Corinthians 4:2

Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord's work?

Are you allowing your emotions to be stirred for things of the Lord but doing nothing about it?

I Corinthians 6:19-20

Are you in any way careless with your body?
Do you fail to care for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit?
Are you guilty of intemperance in eating or drinking?
Do you have any habits which are defiling to the body?

I Corinthians 10:31

Do you take the slightest credit for anything good about you rather than give all the glory to God?
Do you talk of what you have done rather than what Christ has done?
Are your statements mostly about "I"?
Are your feelings easily hurt?
Have you made a pretense of being something you are not?

Ephesians 3:20

Are you self-conscious rather than Christ-conscious?
Do you allow feelings of inferiority to keep you from attempting things you should in serving God?

Ephesians 4:28

Do you underpay workers or service people?
Do you do as little as possible in your work?
Have you been careless in the payment of your debts?
Do you waste time for yourself and for others?

Ephesians 5:16

Do you listen to radio or watch television programs that are not edifying?
Do you read unworthy magazines?
Do you participate in activities that are not edifying?
Do you find it necessary to seek satisfaction from any questionable source?
Are you doing things that show you are not satisfied with Christ alone?

Ephesians 5:20

Have you neglected to thank Him for all things, the seemingly bad as well as the good?
Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His Word?
Do you worry?
Is your spiritual temperature based on your feelings instead of on the facts of God's Word?

Philippians 2:14

Do you ever by word or deed seek to hurt someone?
Do you gossip?
Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present?
Do you carry prejudice against other believers because they are of some different group than yours, or because they do not see everything exactly as you do?

Philippians 1:21

Are you taken up with the cares of this life?
Is your conversation based on "things" rather than on the Lord and His Word?
Does anything mean more to you than living for and pleasing Christ?

Philippians 4:4

Have you neglected to seek to be pleasing to Him in all things?
Do you carry any bitterness toward God?
Have you complained against Him in any way?
Have you been dissatisfied with His provision for you?
Do you have any reservations as to what you would or would not do concerning anything that might be His will?
Have you disobeyed some direct leading from Him?

Colossians 3:9

Do you engage in empty and unprofitable conversation?

Do you have a habit of lying?
Do you have a habit of exaggerating?
Cheating?
Stealing?
Carefully consider, do you overcharge for your time or gifts?

2 Timothy 2:22

Do you have any personal habits that are not pure?
Do you allow impure thoughts about sex to stay in your mind?
Do you read that which is impure or that which suggests unholy things?
Do you indulge in any unclean entertainment?
Are you guilty of a lustful look?

Hebrews 10:25

Do you stay away from meetings where the Gospel is preached?
Do you whisper or think about other things while God's Word is being read or preached?
Are you irregular in attendance in services?
Do you neglect to attend and participate in meetings for prayer?
Have you neglected or slighted daily or private prayer?
Have you neglected daily time in the Word with your family?

Hebrews 13:7

Do you hesitate to submit to leaders in the church or elsewhere?
Are you lazy?
Do you rebel at requests given to you to help in the work of the gospel?
Do you have a stubborn or unteachable spirit?

James 1:27

Have you allowed yourself to become "spotted" by the world?
Is your manner of dress pleasing to God?
Do you spend beyond what is pleasing to God on anything?
Do you neglect to pray about the things you buy?

James 3:11

Have you dishonor Him and hindered His work by criticizing His servants?
Have you failed to pray regularly for your pastor and other spiritual leaders?
Do you find it hard to be corrected?
Is there rebellion toward one who wants to restore you?
Are you more concerned about what people will think than what will be pleasing to God?

James 4:6

Do you feel you have done quite well as a Christian?
That you are not so bad?
That you are "good enough"?
Are you stubborn?
Do you insist on having your own way?
Do you insist on your own rights?

Remember three things:

1. If the sin is against God, confess it to God, and make things right with God.
2. If the sin is against another person, confess it to God, and make things right with the other person.
3. Where there is full confession, there will be full cleansing.