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**Greater Hartford Chapter  
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- Welcome! Opening prayer, praise reports
- FCCI news
- Today's topic: **Examine Yourself**

***“Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...” (put yourselves to the test and judge yourselves) 2 Cor 13:5:2***

The Christian journey is best when you abide in the Holy Spirit. In today's feel-good, politically correct, anything-goes culture, is it possible for followers of Christ to become too soft on themselves?

- Do we want to be caressed, not challenged?
- Do we want to be coddled, not convicted?
- Do we want to be comforted, not confronted?



Please don't misunderstand me. I fully recognize that, in legalistic Christian groups, believers are bombarded with a relentless barrage of challenge, conviction and confrontation that is destructive (tears saints down) instead of edifying (builds saints up). Let him that is without sin cast the first stone.

In the Holy Spirit, THANK GOD there is godly balance between license and legalism. Today, I'm urging us to examine ourselves during the past twelve months. Are you more mature than you were on January 1? Are you continuously growing up in the Lord? Or, are you still a baby, or regressing into a baby? Are you in the faith, personally and professionally? Are there strongholds that hinder your growth and fruitfulness?

Jesus said that a tree shall be known by its fruit. Examine the words, works and harvest of your life in 2012. What do you see? Have you been sowing to the Spirit or to the flesh?

- Internally—are you a free-flowing conduit of the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit?
- Externally—are you abiding in your Call and expanding His Kingdom (souls served / saved, saints edified)?

Further down in this passage, Paul tells the Corinthians to do no evil (wrong) and do what is honorable (right). Eternal life is 100% free by grace through faith; but to enjoy it here, we must abandon our sin!

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of proof of your faith.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by showing more evidence of your faith in 2013?										
What specific actions can you take to bear more evidence of faith in 2013?										

- 14th annual 2012 Northeast Marketplace Ministry Awards
- Next meeting on 1/2/13; new eight-part **Pathway to Purpose** series from January through April 2013
- Closing prayer