

Being Honest About Your 3 Selves

- A. You may not have ever thought about it, but you have three selves. This is not a good thing.
- B. Your gracious Creator, in his written revelation to mankind, has provided all that is needed in order for you to see your three selves clearly (*2 Tim 3:16-17*).
- C. The only question is this: "Will I be honest in dealing with my three selves?"

Self #1: Your _____ Self

- A. This self says one thing, but does another (*Matt 21:28-30; 1 John 4:20*).
- B. This self outwardly appears one way, but is _____ quite different (*Matt 15:7-9*).
- C. This self claims relationship with God, but does not live in harmony with God's will (*James 1:26*).
- D. This self is interested primarily in "keeping up _____" (*Matt 6:1-8, 16-18*).
- E. This self is not your real self, and to act as if it is equals hypocrisy (*Matt 7:1-5*).

Self #2: Your _____ Self

- A. This self is the real self, and we know it when we're being honest.
- B. This self, in the absence of discipline, will gravitate in the direction of:
 - 1. Self-_____ (*1 Tim 5:6; Eccl 2:1-11; 1 Cor 10:8; 2 Pet 2:10*).
 - 2. Self-_____ (*Rom 13:13-14; Gal 5:16-21*).
 - 3. Self-_____ (*Mark 7:20-23; Phil 2:3; Eph 4:29-32; 2 Tim 4:3-4*).
- C. This self, with the right information and attitude, reaches the conclusion of Paul (*Rom 7:14-24*).

Self #3: Your _____ (Potential) Self

- A. This self is only available _____ and _____ Jesus Christ (*Rom 7:25*).
- B. This self has been washed, sanctified, and justified by the Spirit of our God (*1 Cor 6:9-11*).
- C. This self lives by _____ in the Son of God (*Gal 2:20*).
- D. This self is dedicated to walking in newness of life (*Rom 6:3-4; Tit 3:5; Rom 12:1-2*).
- E. This self is _____ for good works (*Tit 2:11-14*).

Conclusion:

- A. The only question is this: "Will I be honest in dealing with my three selves?"
 - 1. "Isn't it past time to lay down my false self?" (*James 5:16*)
 - 2. "Am I willing to come to grips with my true self?" (*Acts 22:10*)
 - 3. "Will I entrust my potential self to the God of renewal and resurrection?" (*2 Tim 2:11-13, 26*)
- B. After all, "*What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?*" (*Mark 8:34-38*)