**Measuring Ourselves**

**2 Cor. 10:12-18**

**Introduction:**

       **I.   Paul was careful how he measured himself? (v. 12).**

**II.   Paul refers to three possible standards by which we may measure our lives:**

**Discussion:**

 **I.**   **Oneself. “They measure themselves *by* themselves.”**

       A.   A fool is right in his own eyes. (Prov. 12:15).

       B.   What seems right may bring death. (Prov. 14:12).

       C.   Nearly everyone proclaims own goodness. (Prov. 20:6) - but few saved. (Matt. 7:13,14).

       D.   Woe to those wise in own eyes. (Isa. 5:21).

       E.   Self-righteous lost. (Rom. 10:1-3).

 **II.  One’s Neighbor. “Comparing themselves *among* themselves.”**

       A.   Jews did this. (Mt. 15:9,14).

       B.   Common practice often the standard. (Num. 16:1-3).

       C.   Judged by our works, not another’s. (Rev. 20:13).

       D.   Statements that reveal such measurement.

             1.    “Well, so & so, did it, so can I”.

             2.    “The preacher did it.”

             3.    “If He can go to heaven, so can I”.

             4.    “What I did is no worse than what you did.”

             5.    “Brother Blank said....”

 **III. God.** **(v. 13,18)**

       A.   We must speak as oracles of God. (1 Pet. 4:11).

       B.   We must measure ourselves by God’s standard.

             1.    Furnishes to every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16,17).

             2.    Gives all things pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Pet. 1:3).

             3.    Contains all spiritual truth. (Jno. 16:13; 14:26; 17:17).

             4.    It is mirror of soul. (Jas. 1:25).

             5.    To transgress is to be without God. (2 John 9).

             6.    Will be judged by it. (Rev. 20:12; John 12:48)

**Conclusion:**

       **I.   Search the Scriptures. (Acts 17:11).**

**II.   Measure life by Scriptures. (Jas. 1:25)**