

An Easy Yet Revealing Test

Insights Into the Simplicity on the Far Side of Complexity

“I wouldn’t give a fig for the simplicity on this side of complexity; I would give my right arm for the simplicity on the far side of complexity.” *Oliver Wendell Holmes*

Highlight Which You Can Best Identify With - The One Who:	
Is content with what they have? Phil 4:11	Is very "ambitious" - seeking more, more, more!
<p>Cries out: "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." Luke 18 ". . . me, the worst of sinners" 1 Tim 1:16 "I am the most ignorant of men; I do not have a man’s understanding." Pr 30:2</p>	<p>Boasts: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers." Luke 18 "I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing." Rev 3:17</p>
Is not in the least desirous of mind-numbing substances? Eph 5:18	Craves for a fix of something to make it through the morning, night, day, weekend or life.
Is faithful to their spouse?	"Successfully gets by" with adultery.
Is thankful to God?	Works like the devil to get ahead and earn their living!
Is trying to find how to receive by grace?	Wants to be in charge, not beholden to anyone.
Sees everything they have as a gift?	Feels entitled to all they have and more.
Is <u>learning</u> to say and believe: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." Phil 1:21	Ignores the inevitable and end because "What is the point . . .?"
Is distressed by all lies (especially their own).	Measures their lies by the shade of gray?
Finds that money, at best, is a necessary evil.	Believes money opens the doors they want and need to go through?
Seeks to forgive.	Seeks to get even.
See the world as a temporary place for "passing through." Lk 14:26	Is in love with the world. 1Jn 2:15
Sees and seeks the benefits of the disciplines of a disciple.	Seek ways to "take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." Lk 12:18 - 20
Is most blessed by giving. Ac 20:35	Carefully guards and claims - "It is Mine!"
Oh, let's just get to the bottom line:	
Is satisfied with and thankful for their situation, but not with themselves!	Is fairly satisfied with self, but not their situation.
Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? 2Co 13:5	