

Question 6: "Do You Delight in the Bride of Christ?"

3 John 2

When we are physically healthy, it is evident. When we are sick, it is typically just as evident. When we are spiritually healthy, it is readily apparent. Spiritual illness can often hide, and if we hide it, it becomes a problem that isn't as easily cured as it could have been had we addressed it early on.

These tests are to help prevent illness or cure it if it is set in.

Do we thirst for God?

Are we governed by God's Word?

Am I more loving?

Am I more sensitive to God's presence?

Do I have a growing concern for the needs of others?

Tonight's Test Psalm 95:6; 99:5,9; 122:14

Do I love the Church? Have I loved the church more at any point in my life?

Peter Jeffery "The closer you are to the Lord, the closer you will be to other believers."

Psalm 16:3 David found his delight in the saints. What do I find delight in? Who do I find delight in? Who are my friends and companions? Psalm 119:63

Do I refer to my brothers and sisters as the excellent ones? (They are saints and excellent because of Jesus)

Do I delight with these excellent saints at GBBC or do I criticize, put down, judge, or gossip?

Is it easy to say I love the church, it's the people I can't stand? What is the church? A called-out group of believers. Do I love the brethren?

Psalm 122:1 Are you glad to go to God's house? Do I root for, pray for the success of my brethren?

Do I delight in the church's activities? Acts 2:43-47

Vs. 46, they were with one accord in mind, singleness. Simplicity wasn't a burden; it was easy to be together.

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Hebrews 6:10, Minister: serve. God keeps track of what we delight in. He remembers when we choose to delight in His church. Is what I delight in going to have any difference tomorrow or 100 years from now?

Psalm 149:4

The Lord takes pleasure in His people. Do I?