

# Intentional Obedience

How are you doing at following Jesus? Do you ever evaluate yourself? If so, what resources, questions, Bible passages, etc., do you use, regularly or occasionally, to check up on yourself?

The following 22 questions were used by members of John Wesley's Holy Club each day in their private devotions. They met together weekly and talked about being obedient to Jesus.

I encourage you to take some time this week to slowly, prayerfully, ask yourself the following questions. You might do one or two a day until you work your way through them. The rest appear on the back of this column so that you can clip it and insert in your Bible.

1. Am I consciously or unconsciously creating the impression that I'm better than I really am? In other words, am I a hypocrite?
2. Am I honest in all my acts and words, or do I exaggerate?
3. Do I confidentially pass on what was told to me in confidence?
4. Can I be trusted?
5. Am I a slave to dress, friends, work or habits?
6. Am I self-conscious, self-pitying or self justifying?
7. Did the Bible live in me today?
8. Do I give the Bible time to speak to me everyday?
9. Am I enjoying prayer?
10. When did I last speak to someone else about my faith?
11. Do I pray about the money I spend?
12. Do I get to bed on time and get up on time?
13. Do I disobey God in anything?
14. Do I insist upon doing something about which my conscience is uneasy?
15. Am I defeated in any part of my life?
16. Am I jealous, impure, critical, irritable, touchy or distrustful?
17. How do I spend my spare time?
18. Am I proud?
19. Do I thank God that I am not as other people, especially as the Pharisees who despised the publican?
20. Is there anyone whom I fear, dislike, disown, criticize, hold a resentment toward or disregard? If so, what I am doing about it?
21. Do I grumble or complain constantly?
22. Is Christ real to me?

- pastor Robin