

# Be Pragmatic in Your Evaluations of Yourself

Yes, it's very important that we evaluate ourselves so we can identify when we're out of alignment with Father's heart and/or righteousness (what's right for us as sons). That assessment includes what we think, speak<sup>1</sup> and do, as well as our desires, attitudes and feelings. That self evaluation is for everyone,<sup>2</sup> not just those who know they are 'out of wack'<sup>3</sup>.

Self-assessment is one of the first principles of sonship,<sup>4</sup> with the purpose being to ensure anything that can hinder our transformation into the person Father wants us to be, is recognised and dealt with ASAP. This self assessment should not produce condemnation or shame<sup>5</sup> – that's what the enemy produces. It's not Father's way or his desire for us.

Father has given us his advice on how to examine the reasoning we use to make decisions. This relates to decision-making for life situations, but his suggested method is applicable for using in the process of self-examination:

*“Circumstances have led you down a narrow path of difficult decisions, but you have been met with opposition. Carefully examine your reasoning to be sure that what you have decided is truly righteous and beneficial for everyone concerned. Trust me to bring correction where correction is due before you forge ahead,” says the Lord, “and **be pragmatic in your evaluation.**”<sup>6</sup>*

‘Pragmatic’ means “dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations”<sup>7</sup>. Pragmatic evaluations mean that we must be realistic in what we expect of ourselves, especially knowing that Father doesn't put any pressure on us to perform – or to even be perfect.

In addition we should never use religious or legalistic standards to evaluate ourselves. We should also shy away from church-based policies as our standard. All those three (church, religious and legalistic standards) will generate a level of disapproval in ourselves which Father doesn't 'put on us', and neither does he want us to do that to ourselves.

**REMEMBER** Life in the Kingdom is one of love, peace, rest and joy. Anything that doesn't support those does not originate in the Kingdom.

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(Readers will need to look up for themselves any scriptures alluded to in this document)

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