

Self-Assessment is Not for Condemnation or Shame

I have written a number of times on the necessity to self-assess¹ for the purpose of working with Father to make changes in our character and behaviour. These changes are necessary to bring us more and more into the same way of operating in sonship as Jesus of Nazareth did. He's our prototype that we are to model ourselves after, and that will require us to be re-modelled.²

There may be some who don't like the idea of self-assessment as it causes them to feel negative about themselves. That's not the intention of the process and any negativity that arises should be dismissed because the Kingdom is always positive.

There's a big difference between introspection and self-assessment. Introspection can cause us to look at our flaws so we become discouraged. Kingdom-style self-assessment identifies the unrighteous traits that we have and works with Father to have them dealt with, one-by-one. That teamwork is his desire, so we work with him on it in a positive way.

Here's his instruction on this matter:

*"This time of self-evaluation is not for the purpose of condemnation or shame. It is for the purpose of growth and spiritual development. There are things you must give up in order to move forward and things that you must forgive or receive forgiveness for. Elevation is the goal for you and those around you as you are continually being transformed."*³

When we identify an area that needs changing, we need to continue to work on dealing with it. However, the preliminary steps are:

1. Reject it as a part of our life
2. Relinquish it (determine to give it up)
3. Surrender it to Father.

Letting him to deal with our issues, from the inside out, is the quickest way to eliminate them. When we do it all by ourselves, it often keeps us focused on them so we keep doing them. Father has instructed us this way:

*"Be assured that I am leading and guiding you in everything that you have submitted to Me. I cannot move in those areas that you have not relinquished. You must deliberately release every aspect of your life and trust Me to work on your behalf."*⁴

NOTE: I prefer to use the term 'self-assessment' rather than 'self-evaluation' because self-evaluation means to evaluate yourself. And, 'evaluate' means to work out your value, which is not necessary in the Kingdom. Father highly values us as his "gems" (which he's often told us), so we should have a positive self-value based on that. He values us, so it doesn't matter what we think or what others see as our value – they're irrelevant if we accept Father's evaluation.

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

1 – "Self-Assessment is One of the First Principles Of Sonship"

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