



# *The Holy Spirit*

Check your motives

# What motivates you?

Proverbs 16:2

All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes,  
but the Lord weighs the spirit. ESV

Proverbs 21:2

Every way of a man is right in his own eyes,  
but the Lord weighs the heart. ESV

## Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting. NIV



# Spiritual Life

fear

guilt

pride

selfishness

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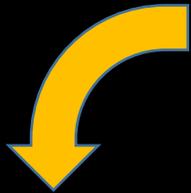
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## *Part 1: Gifts without love*

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, **I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal.** 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, **I am nothing.** 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, **I gain nothing.** NIV

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## *Part 2: Love described*

4 **Love is** patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. NIV

## 1 Corinthians 13

### *Part 3: Love will endure forever!*

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 **but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears.** 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. NIV

*1 Corinthians 14:1a*

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Lord, search my heart...

Why do I not eagerly desire the spiritual gifts?

What is motivating my desire for spiritual gifts?