THE PROBLEM OF SELF DISCOVERY - Overcoming Life’s Problems

Intro:
A. **Most self help books** appeal to selfishness, moral compromise or political correctness!!
   1. **Brief Description:** Clearly and entertainingly written, Self-Discovery the Jungian Way presents an exciting new technique of self-analysis. Based on the psychological theories of C.G. Jung, the 'Watchword' technique will enable you to identify your psychological type and to explore the structure and dynamics of your personality. As you learn to recognize the various forces and tendencies within the psyche, you will acquire greater understanding of your inner self and your personal relationships.
   2. This practical method of self-exploration guides you systematically along the difficult path towards the ultimate goal of self-realization or individuation. It uses a structured form of word association which you assess and interpret yourself, following simple guidelines that require no numerical scoring.
   3. Easy to understand and fun to use, the book makes an intriguing and useful introduction to Jungian analytical psychology. It will appeal to a wide range of readers, including professional psychologists and students of psychology, counselors and psychotherapists, as well as anyone interested in self-exploration and personal growth.

B. **We MUST come to see ourselves as God sees us!!** As we studies in last weeks lesson - 
   (2 Cor. 13:5) (NKJV) ---- 5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.

C. **Only God’s word defines who & what we should be!!**

D. In this lesson we will examine:
   1. **The Danger of Self Deception - Many Fail To See Themselves As They REALLY Are!**
      a. **Self-Deception : First published Tue 17 Oct, 2006** - Virtually every aspect of the current philosophical discussion of self-deception is a matter of controversy including its definition and paradigmatic cases. We may say generally, however, that self-deception is the acquisition and maintenance of a belief (or, at least, the avowal of that belief) in the face of strong evidence to the contrary motivated by desires or emotions favoring the acquisition and retention of that belief.
   2. **What Are Some Road Blocks to Self Discovery** — Why Many Fail To See Themselves As They Really Are!
   3. **What Is The Biblical Path To Self Discovery?**

II. The Danger of Self Deception
A. **We Can Think That We Are Right With God When We Are Not!!** –
   1. **James 1:26** (NKJV) ---- 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.
   2. **Luke 18:9-14:** Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”
3. Romans 10:1-3 (NKJV) — 1 Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

4. Rev. 3:14-17 (NKJV) — 14 “And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, ‘These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: 15 “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. 16 So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. 17 Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

B. We Can Blind Ourselves To Our Own Sin!!
1. 1 John 1:8-10 (NKJV) — 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

2. 2 Peter 2:13 (NKJV) — 13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, (see verses 12-16)
   a. 2 Peter 2:12-16 (NKJV) — 12 But these, like natural brute beasts made to be caught and destroyed, speak evil of the things they do not understand, and will utterly perish in their own corruption, 13 and will receive the wages of unrighteousness, as those who count it pleasure to carouse in the daytime. They are spots and blemishes, carousing in their own deceptions while they feast with you, 14 having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin, enticing unstable souls. They have a heart trained in covetous practices, and are accursed children. 15 They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; 16 but he was rebuked for his iniquity: a dumb donkey speaking with a man’s voice restrained the madness of the prophet.

III. Road Blocks To Self Discovery
A. Trusting In Things—
1. Job 15:31 (NKJV) — 31 Let him not trust in futile things, deceiving himself, For futility will be his reward.

2. Luke 12:15 (NKJV) — 15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses."

B. Pride / Ego
1. Galatians 6:3 (NKJV) — 3 For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

2. Proverbs 26:12 (NKJV) — 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

C. Human Wisdom—
1. 1 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) — 18 Let no one deceive himself. If anyone among you seems to be wise in this age, let him become a fool that he may become wise.

2. James 1:22-25 (NKJV) — 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.

D. Recognizing the sins of others while ignoring our own — Matt 7:3-5; 2 Sam 12:5
1. Matthew 7:3-5 (NKJV) — 3 And why do you look at the speck in your brother’s eye, but do not
consider the plank in your own eye? 4 Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove the speck from your eye’; and look, a plank is in your own eye? 5 Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

2. *2 Samuel 12:5* (NKJV) ---- 5 So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!

E. **Comparing ourselves to “WORSE” sinners** – 2 Cor 10:12; Luke 18:11

1. *2 Corinthians 10:12* (NKJV) ---- 12 For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

2. *Luke 18:11* (NKJV) ---- 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

F. **Shifting blame** – Gen. 3:12,13; 1 Sam 15:21,24

1. *Genesis 3:12* (NKJV) ---- 12 Then the man said, “The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.”
   a. *Genesis 3:13* (NKJV) ---- 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

2. *1 Samuel 15:21* (NKJV) ---- 21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

3. *1 Samuel 15:24* (NKJV) ---- 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.

G. **Assuming virtue by association** – Matt 3:9; John 8:33-39; Phil 2:1

1. *Matthew 3:9* (NKJV) ---- 9 and do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

2. *John 8:33-39* (NKJV) ---- 33 They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can You say, ‘You will be made free’?” 34 Jesus answered them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. 37 “I know that you are Abraham’s descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father.” 39 They answered and said to Him, “Abraham is our father.” Jesus said to them, “If you were Abraham’s children, you would do the works of Abraham.

3. *Philippians 2:1* (NKJV) ---- 1 Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,

H. **Redefining sin, righteousness or truth relative to our carnal desires** – Isa. 5:20; Luke 16:15; Matt 5:21-48; Rom 8:7,8; 10:1-3

1. *Isaiah 5:20* (NKJV) ---- 20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

2. *Luke 16:15* (NKJV) ---- 15 And He said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

3. *Matthew 5:21-48* (NKJV) ---- 21 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ 22 But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire. 23 Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24 leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. 25 Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge
hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26 Assuredly, I say to you, you will by no means get out of there till you have paid the last penny. 27 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. 29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 31 “Furthermore it has been said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ 32 But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery. 33 “Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.’ 34 But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. 36 Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. 37 But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No.’ For whatever is more than these is from the evil one. 38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ 39 But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. 40 If anyone wants to sue you and take away your tunic, let him have your cloak also. 41 And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away. 43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ 44 But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. 46 For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? 47 And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? 48 Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

4. Romans 8:7 (NKJV) ---- 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
   a. Romans 8:8 (NKJV) ---- 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

5. Romans 10:1-3 (NKJV) ---- 1 Brethren, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.
   I. I have done _____, I am doing _____, therefore God won’t hold _____ against me! – Gal 6:7-9; James 2:10

1. Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV) ---- 7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. 8 For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. 9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

2. James 2:10 (NKJV) ---- 10 For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.

J. Prejudice – Prov 18:13
   1. Proverbs 18:13 (NKJV) ---- 13 He who answers a matter before he hears it, It is folly and shame to him.

K. Hard Headedness – Acts 7:51 (NKJV) ---- 51 “You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you.
The Biblical Path to Self Discovery

A. Fear - Prov. 1:7; Eccl. 12:13
   1. Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV) — 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
   2. Ecclesiastes 12:13 (NKJV) — 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all.

B. Humility – Matt 5:3; Jer. 10:23; Isaiah 6:5;
   1. Matthew 5:3 (NKJV) — 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
   2. Jeremiah 10:23 (NKJV) — 23 O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.
   3. Isaiah 6:5 (NKJV) — 5 So I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”

C. Meekness - James 1:21
   1. James 1:21 (NKJV) — 21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

D. Honesty / Integrity – Acts 17:11;
   1. Acts 17:11 (NKJV) — 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

E. Study / Examination – Acts 17:11; 2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Tim 3:16,17
   1. Acts 17:11 (NKJV) — 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.
   2. 2 Corinthians 13:5 (NKJV) — 5 Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified.
   3. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NKJV) — 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
      a. 2 Timothy 3:17 (NKJV) — 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

F. Application – James 1:22-26
   1. James 1:22-26 (NKJV) — 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. 26 If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one’s religion is useless.

G. Diligence – 2 Peter 1:5,10; 3:14
   1. 2 Peter 1:5 (NKJV) — 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge,
   2. 2 Peter 1:10 (NKJV) — 10 Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble;
   3. 2 Peter 3:14 (NKJV) — 14 Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;

H. Examples:
   1. The example of David – 2 Samuel 12:1-14
2 Samuel 12:1-14 (NKJV) ---- 1 Then the Lord sent Nathan to David. And he came to him, and said to him: “There were two men in one city, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. 3 But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. 4 And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” 5 So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the Lord lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! 6 And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.” 7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8 I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9 Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10 Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ 11 Thus says the Lord: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ” 13 So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” And Nathan said to David, “The Lord also has put away your sin; you shall not die. 14 However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.”

2. The example of Peter – Matt 26:33-35, 69-75
   a. Matthew 26:33-35 (NKJV) ---- 33 Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.” 34 Jesus said to him, “Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” 35 Peter said to Him, “Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!” And so said all the disciples.
   b. Matthew 26:69-75 (NKJV) ---- 69 Now Peter sat outside in the courtyard. And a servant girl came to him, saying, “You also were with Jesus of Galilee.” 70 But he denied it before them all, saying, “I do not know what you are saying.” 71 And when he had gone out to the gateway, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, “This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth.” 72 But again he denied with an oath, “I do not know the Man!” 73 And a little later those who stood by came up and said to Peter, “Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you.” 74 Then he began to curse and swear, saying, “I do not know the Man!” Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, “Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.” So he went out and wept bitterly.

3. The example of the prodigal son – Luke 15:11-24
   a. Luke 15:11-24 (NKJV) ---- 11 Then He said: “A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.’ So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 “But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s
hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go
to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and
I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.”’ 20
“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him
and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him,
‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called
your son.’ 22 “But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and
put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and
let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’
And they began to be merry.

4. The example of Paul— Acts 9:1-18; Acts 23:1; 1 Tim 1:13

a. Acts 9:1-18 (NKJV) ---- 1 Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of
the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus,
so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them
bound to Jerusalem. 3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone
around him from heaven. 4 Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul,
Saul, why are you persecuting Me?” 5 And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said,
“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.” 6 So he,
trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said,
“Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” 7 And the men who
journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice but seeing no one. 8 Then Saul arose from
the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and
brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank.
10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in
a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” 11 So the Lord said to him, “Arise and go
to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for
behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and
putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.” 13 Then Ananias answered, “Lord,
I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in
Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your
name.” 15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name
before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he
must suffer for My name’s sake.” 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and
laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road
as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18
Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and
he arose and was baptized.

b. Acts 23:1 (NKJV) ---- 1 Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, “Men and brethren,
I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.”

c. 1 Timothy 1:13 (NKJV) ---- 13 although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an
insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

I. Realization; Faith; repentance and Submission

V. In Conclusion:

A. The Danger of Self Deception— We must be aware and on guard!

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B. **What Are Some Road Blocks to Self Discovery** – We must examine ourselves and remove any roadblock!
   1. Trusting In Things –
   2. Pride / Ego -
   3. Human Wisdom -
   4. Lawlessness –
   5. Fault Finding -
   6. Wrong Comparisons -
   7. Shifting blame –
   8. Hypocrisy –
   9. Redefining sin –
   10. Impenitent -
   11. Prejudice –
   12. Hard Headedness –

C. **What Is The Biblical Path To Self Discovery?** – Fear, Humility, & Honesty!!
   1. Fear – Trust -
   2. Humility –
   3. Meekness –
   4. Honesty / Integrity –
   5. Study / Examination
   6. Application –
   7. Diligence –
      a. Faith -
      b. Realization –
      c. Trust God -
      d. Repentance –
      e. Conversion -

D. **Be honest with yourself** -
   1. Trust & submit to God – He will forgive!
   2. Repent of ANY sin in your life!!
   3. Commit to serving the Lord His way – NOT YOURS!

E. **The Journey Doesn’t End At Self Discovery!!**
   1. We Must Imitate Christ!
   2. Realization –
   3. Faith -
   4. Repentance –
   5. Submission -

F. "Tell me what you are busy about, and I will tell you what you are" (Goethe)