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THE DIVINE PHYSICIAN

“PROVE ME, O LORD, AND TRY ME; TEST MY HEART AND MY MIND.”
(Psalm 26:2)

When God puts us through a spiritual checkup, He takes notice of all aspects of our inner life, about which only we and He knows.

He checks up on our *faith*. Do we really know what we should about God? Do we trust in Christ as we should? Do we take careful note of God’s promises found in Scripture, claim them in our prayers, and rely on Him to keep them?

God checks our *repentance*. Real Christianity is serious about penitently tracking down and turning from all the false steps of the past.

He checks our *love*. Sin in our system enslaves our natural self-love to unnatural pride, keeping us from loving God and others. So God exposes to our conscience our self-absorption and self-centeredness, our tendency to focus entirely on our own concerns.

God checks up on our *humility* – our honest realism and realistic honesty. Humility cannot be fully detected by direct inspection, for trying to inspect our own humility is itself a yielding to pride. The most we can do is concentrate on negating and mortifying the various expressions of pride we are aware of, and on asking our Lord to show us what more needs to be done.

God also checks up on us in the matter of *wisdom*. Christlike wisdom forms strategies, calculates consequences, channels passion, sustains sobriety, discerns and avoids foolishness, and cherishes peace and harmony at all times. Without wisdom there is no God-pleasing life.

Summarizing these, we may say that God checks our *focus*: how far our faith, repentance, love, humility, and wisdom have combined to make us clear-sighted about our goal in life and the priorities that it imposes. Thus the divine physician probes us, and his probing goes on all the time. AMEN.

Dr. J.I. Packer

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