

VITAL QUESTIONS ??

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The "**question and answer**" method for obtaining information has proven to be very effective. By asking direct questions with honest answers given, we can arrive at some very good conclusions. Recently, we have taken this approach with our weekly radio program.

Today, I would like to submit for your consideration a "Spiritual Questionnaire." Some simple basic questions concerning our spiritual lives before God, now be honest.

DO YOU DESIRE TO GO TO HEAVEN? Most people would answer this Yes! If so, are you willing to do the things it will take to accomplish this goal? Putting kingdom first, Matthew 6:33; setting your affection above, Colossians 3:1,2; Standing fast for the Lord, Philippians 4:1; Will you pay the cost of discipleship?

ARE YOU ABSOLUTELY SURE YOU ARE HEADED FOR HEAVEN? Could you think you're on the "right road" but are not? Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord, , shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. " Paul knew where he was going, 2 Timothy 4:6-8. We can know by following the "blueprint", His word.

HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTIZED FOR THE REMISSION OF YOUR SINS? Yes, I have been immersed. That's not what I asked. Please read Acts 2:38. Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let everyone of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." When you were baptized, was the purpose of your baptism "for" the remission of sins? If not, this is not Bible baptism!

SINCE YOUR OBEDIENCE TO CHRIST, HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING A CHRISTIAN LIFE? Peter tells us to add some things to our faith, 2 Peter 1:5-8. We are to put the works of the flesh "to death", Colossians 3:5-10; Can it be said of us that we are the "light of the world?" Matthew 5:13-16

DO YOU STUDY GOD'S WORD AS YOU SHOULD? Sometimes. Not as much as I like to. I'm going to do better this year. Sound familiar? How much time do you read, study, ponder, and mediate with your Bible? Are you more knowledgeable today than you were a month ago? When you first became His child? Read 2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 2:2 and Matthew 5:6.

ARE YOU DOING ALL YOU CAN TO WIN SOULS FOR CHRIST? Do you share the gospel with your friends, neighbors, and loved ones? Many people die every day that have no hope. Does this concern you? Are you using your opportunities wisely? Mark 16:15; Galatians 6:9,10.

ARE YOU READY TO MEET THE LORD IN JUDGMENT JUST AS YOU ARE? We are all going to die and then face judgment. If you had to stand on your record today, would you be

lost or saved? Could you sing the song "Just As I Am" and really mean it? Hebrews 9:27; Acts 17:31; Romans 2:6

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CHANGE ANY OF YOUR ANSWERS? Now is the time to change your answers. When death comes, or the Lord returns, you will not be able to change them, then!

How did you do? Are you happy with the results of this little test? If not, what will you do about it? "I'll get around to it later". Friend, the graveyards are full of people who never "got around to it"! Let us be sure we are ready for the final test!! ***