As the owner of a home inspection company, my main job is to examine houses for clients and report back to them as to the condition of the home. Some homes need new appliances, some need heating units, some have issues with water quality or even the septic system. The items I look for are things that the average homeowner may not think about and wouldn't know if these things may be not correct or maybe just worn out and would need to be replaced soon. The client wants to know that their hard-earned money is being well-spent and that they are going to get a decent return on their investment.

As Christians, we are told to examine ourselves to see if we may harbor hidden defects in our lives. We are to prove ourselves. Do we harbor secret sins we don't want anyone knowing about? Are there things in our lives that we aren't willing to give up as new creatures? The Bible says that **we** are the temple of God.

1 Corinthians 6:19 *What? know ye not that* ***your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost,*** *which is in you, which ye have of God, and* ***ye are not your own?***

When we became saved, we were purchased by our Saviour, and we are no longer our own.

Acts 20:28 *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God,* ***which he hath purchased with his own blood.***

Inspecting our lives is a lot like inspecting a home. When I inspect, I have a list of things that I look for. I start on the outside and work my way in. If there are defects, I take photos to help me write a thorough report for my client.

Inspecting our lives should work the same way. The Bible tells us that we are to examine ourselves and it tells us how to go about it. Waking up in the morning with God in our thoughts first and foremost is our **foundation**. If we put God first, we are on a solid foundation with no cracks. We are resting on the solid rock.

Luke 6:48 *He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock.*

Ephesians 2:20 *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;*

Inspecting **windows** is like opening our Bibles and reading the word of God so that we have a clear view of our lives and can focus on what we need to do with our day. Reading our Bibles daily gives us **windows** to clearly see the things that we should avoid as well as to heed the will of God. If our Bible reading isn't where it should be, our windows are cloudy, and we can't see very well what is going on around us. Our sight is darkened.

Psalm 119:130 *The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.*

Being modest in our dress is the covering of our bodies to show the world our faith. Just like the **roof** on our home shows how we care for our "things", our dress should reflect our modesty and our character.

Zephaniah 1:8 And *it shall come to pass in the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all such as are clothed with* ***strange apparel.***

Strange apparel is worldly clothing, things that we should **not** be wearing as children of God. There are things that should **not** be worn in public. Women should be modest and dress modestly.

1 Timothy 2:9 In *like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel,*

with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

This would include covering themselves up instead of calling attention to certain areas of their bodies. Men should likewise be modest and shouldn't be walking around topless or wearing shorts that show much of their skin.

Genesis 3:21 Unto *Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.* God put clothing on them for a reason, to cover their nakedness.

I look at the **plumbing** of a home and test the **water** to ensure that it is safe to drink. Do we have good water in our lives?

John 4:10 says *Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.*

Have we taken from the well of living water? Are we living up to the sacrifice of our Saviour in our actions?

John 4:14 *But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

All these things I look for so that the new owners know what they are getting themselves into when spending money on what will undoubtedly be the most expensive item they will buy. Jesus purchased us using the most precious currency ever, **his own blood**.

He wants us to examine ourselves to help us understand that even though we will never be worthy of his sacrifice, he wants a good return on his investment, for us to live holy, righteous lives to **honor** his atoning work on the cross.

Let us examine ourselves daily to show that his investment was sound.

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Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

II Corinthians 13:5

