

God's Checklists



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Are you on it?

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor 6: 9,10).

Dear friend, God is keeping record of your life. He has already made a record of your birth (Psalm 139:9-16). Now He is keeping a record of your behaviour (Rev 20:12). The list above is not exhaustive, but it is enough to show that God is very familiar with the lifestyles of our age. God calls things by their real names. “...all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Heb 4:13)

There is no way that any of us could inherit God's kingdom in our sinful condition for “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). There must be a radical change! You must get your name out of God's 'bad books' - this first checklist - so that these things are no longer on your conscience!

Your Condition

Do you accept it?

“And such were some of you...” (1Corinthians 6: 11a).
If you are honest with yourself before God, you would

agree that some of these things on God's checklist have been true of you and me. Let's not try to identify any lifestyle in an effort to try to 'clear' ourselves. Let us be honest and admit whatever sinful condition there is in our life as God sees us. God's word says "there is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10).

You must realize your need of a change; "ye must be born again" (John 3:7). You cannot change yourself! "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Romans 5:6). We all need to repent of our sins by hating whatever sinful lifestyle we have followed so that we want a change.

The "prodigal" son of Luke 15 :17-21 came to himself, got up and went home to his father and said "I have sinned against heaven and in thy sight and am no more worthy to be called thy son". This is the same attitude and action which we all must take.

God's Changing and Cleansing Power Have you experienced it?

"But ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:11b).

Thank God for the word "but". It is the "but" of God's life-changing and cleansing power. God wants to put you on His second checklist He wants to wash, sanctify

and justify you. This is to remove the filth of sin from your life, set you apart for Himself and clothe you in his righteousness.

Dear friend, won't you be washed now? This is not a physical bath, nor is it water baptism, but being washed in the shed blood of Christ. "For the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

Do you want to be sanctified, that is, to be separated to God in holiness? Do you want to be justified, that is, to be cleared from every charge of evil? God is willing and able to do this for you. You will be placed in the good checklist. "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (2 Corinthians 5:17).

You must not only reject the lifestyle of the old checklist; you must also call upon him in faith, admitting that 'Christ died for you.' Yes, He died to clean you up to change you and to save you. "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). Call now and be placed on the good checklist!

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