

BEYOND PRAYER

— : GOD SEARCH ME —

A lot of the time what we pray are generic,
predictable, safe
prayers.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me and know my anxious thoughts; ²⁴And
see if there be any hurtful way in me, And
lead me in the everlasting way.

Psalm 139: 23-24

Beyond Prayer

1) Search my heart.

Search me, God, and know my **heart...**

Psalm 139: 23a

The heart is more **deceitful than all else**
And is **desperately sick**;
Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17: 9

The most common lies are the ones we tell
ourselves.

Who am I at my **core being**, Lord?

Beyond Prayer

1) Search my heart.

2) Reveal my fears.

Search me, God, and know my heart; Try
(test) me and know my **anxious thoughts**;

Psalm 139: 23

What we fear the most reveals where we
trust God the least.

Without thinking, what are you **afraid** of the
most?

If our fears reveal where we trust God the
least, **what does your fear reveal?**

There is no **fear** in love; but **perfect love**
casts out fear, because **fear involves**
punishment, and the one who fears is not
perfected in love.

1 John 4: 18

Beyond Prayer

- 1) Search my heart.
- 2) Reveal my fears.
- 3) Uncover my sins.

And see if there be any **hurtful** way in me,
Psalm 139: 24a

3 Questions to Uncover Sin?

What are others trying to tell me? (several)

What have I rationalized for some time?

Where am I most defensive?

We confess to God for forgiveness. We
confess to each other to heal.

Therefore, **confess your sins to one another,** and pray for one another so that you **may be healed.** The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

James 5: 16

The **little** things become the **big** things.

Beyond Prayer

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- 2) Reveal my fears.
- 3) Uncover my sins.
- 4) Lead me.

And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
And **lead me** in the **everlasting way**.

Psalm 139: 24

I was more concerned with what **people**
thought about me than what **God** thought
about me.

Denying the truth doesn't change the facts.

As you incorporate this prayer into your life,
whatever **you discover** reveals **your need** for
Christ in that area!

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