



# A DIVINE DIAGNOSIS

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We are so **blind**, desperately *ignorant* to the source of our **pain** and **frustration**. Even when the veil is removed and we do begin to see, we are so *easily distracted* by symptoms on the surface and **led astray** by our *own feeble understanding* of what is going on. This is right where the Enemy wants us to remain, so busy floundering in our failure that we don't address **the foundation** of the issues at hand. In order to escape this vicious cycle of *symptom management* and receive the deeper healing and restoration that God longs to provide, we need **a diagnosis** of what is *really going on*. Let us fight in prayer for our families, churches, and communities this week, asking God to **identify the root sickness, wound, or brokenness** behind all of our sin and pain, inviting Him to:

## 1. SEARCH our Hearts. ([Psalm 139:23](#))

- a. **NOTE:** The human heart is **incredibly complex**. Made up of various “rooms” and comprised of numerous “layers”, only our Creator could ever hope to navigate its **depths** effectively. In order to determine and address the *underlying causes* of our life's struggles, we must invite Him in and give Him **free range** to *explore* and *examine* every aspect of who we are, holding back no area from His access. We must **walk with Him** in this search, allowing Him to take us into *memories* and *experiences* that lead to greater understanding and **fuller healing**. ([Psalm 139:1](#); [Psalm 44:21](#))
  - i. **For Ex.** “Lord God, thank You for making us so **wonderfully complex**. Thank You for *designing* and *knowing* every intricate detail of our **hearts** and **lives**. Come now, Lord, into these hearts You have created and *search us deeply*. You alone are able, and You alone do we trust. Walk us through the exploration of our souls, **taking us deeper** into the *events of our past* that have led to our present.”
    1. **REMEMBER:** Nothing He finds will **surprise** our Father. We are already *completely known* and loved by Him who **created us**. ([Psalm 139:13-16](#))

## 2. DISCERN our Motives. ([Psalm 19:12](#))

- a. **NOTE:** Nothing is done **without cause**. Often, though, *our motivation* for behavior is hidden from us and others by **layers of deceit** and **walls of excuse**. We have told and been told *so many lies* about why we do what we do. Only God can **cut through** all of our *self-deception* and expose the truth for what it is, shining **His light** upon *the real source* of our weakness and failure. This truth may be **hard to face**, **painful to relive**, or **frightening to consider**, but it is *essential* for our healing as we walk along the **road to restoration**. ([1 Corinthians 4:5](#); [John 14:17](#); [John 8:32](#))
  - i. **For Ex.** “Father God, thank You for looking not only at **the surface** of our lives but also at *what lies beneath*. Come now and shine Your light of truth into our hearts, cutting through every **lie** and **deception told** and *believed*, and reveal to us the true source and **motivation** of *our behavior*. Lead us into ALL truth, Holy Spirit, and give us the **strength** and **courage** to face *whatever we might find*.”

1. **REMEMBER:** Only God can *purify our motivation*, cleansing our hearts of all that is **not of Him**. ([Psalm 51:10](#))

### 3. EXPOSE our Condition. ([Psalm 139:24](#))

- a. **NOTE:** We have all been **wounded, broken, or infected** with sickness. Too often though we are *unaware of our infirmity*. Because of this ignorance, we are robbed of the **treatment** we *desperately need*. However, as God searches the depths of our hearts and discerns the truth about what is found there, He can then **reveal to us** the *true nature* of our condition. Ask God to show us where and how we are fractured, for as He exposes our **need for healing** we can then *turn to Him* who alone can provide it. ([Daniel 2:22](#); [Matthew 13:15](#))

- i. **For Ex.** “Dear Lord, thank You for **searching our hearts** and for *discerning the truth* from the lies found there. Reveal to us now the true nature of our condition, showing us where we are **in desperate need** of restoration and repair. Expose to us the *extent of our brokenness*, making clear and obvious our **need for You** this day. Grant to us as well, Lord, the *desire, power, strength, and humility* to ask for and **receive** Your healing hand.”

1. **REMEMBER:** We may be *damaged*, but we are **never** beyond His repair. ([Ezekiel 37: 1-14](#))

### Questions for Reflection:

- What area of your **heart** and **life** have you *held back* from God?
  - He already knows and has chosen to **accept you** anyway. Let Him in and allow Him to **speak to you** there.
- Is there a **truth** of *your past* that you have struggled to face?
  - Walk through it **with God** and you *won't face it alone*. With Him at your side you can handle whatever it is.
- Where has God **shown you** that you are *in need of healing*?
  - Stop delaying your recovery. Take the time now to **receive** His *restoration* and *renewal*.