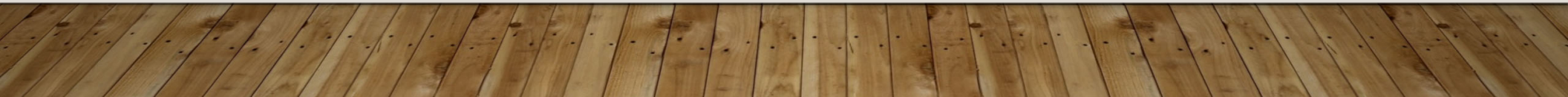


CONDUCTING A SPIRITUAL AUDIT



WHAT IS AN AUDIT?

- An official inspection of an individual's or organization's accounts, typically by an independent body.
- Review and examine books and records
- Financial audits are conducted to discover and verify the truth about the financial health of a business.
- Often, mistakes, weaknesses and inefficiencies are discovered that need to be adjusted and corrected.
- Formal process that results in a final report or opinion.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF AUDITS?

- GOVERNMENT AUDIT
- INTERNAL AUDIT
 - Provide insight and recommendations
 - Management tool to improve processes and internal controls
- EXTERNAL AUDIT
 - Typically performed by CPA firm on a Company's financial statement. CPA issues an "opinion"

WHAT ARE SOME BENEFITS OF HAVING AN AUDIT?

- Add value, credibility and transparency to an organization.
- Determine adequacy of internal controls
- Promote best practices
- Can help identify inefficiencies, waste and errors
- Provide objective insight
- Ensure compliance with laws and regulations.

WHAT DOES THIS HAVE TO DO WITH ME AND WITH CHESMONT?

- Time to reflect, re-evaluate, re-assess
- How do we measure spiritual growth?
- How do we know if we're heading in the right direction?
- How do we know if we're making progress?
- 2 Corinthians 13:5 - Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves.



CHURCH

FAMILY

INDIVIDUAL

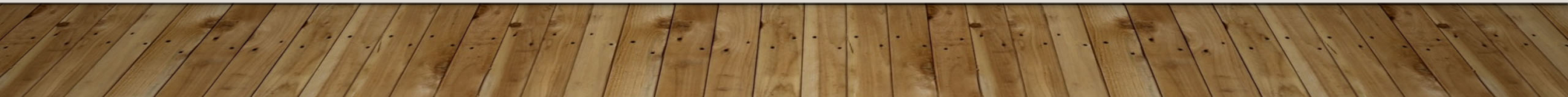
INTERNAL V. EXTERNAL

- INTERNAL

- Reflect and examine ourselves. Self-assessment.
- Look at our strengths and weaknesses
- What is working well? What can be improved?

- EXTERNAL

- If someone were to look at your life from an outside/objective perspective, what would they see?
- What do visitors see when they come and visit?
- How healthy is your spiritual life? Your family? Chesmont?



WHAT'S THE POINT?

IT IS NOT:

- To judge or be overly critical
- To point out all of the flaws with everyone else
- To prove to others that you're so great and perfect.

IT IS:

- To be honest and humble
- To have open hearts and open ears
- To be willing to make changes and improvements
- To challenge, correct and encourage

INDIVIDUAL

- Am I a Christian?
- Am I content with who I am now and who I am becoming?
- Is my prayer life improving?
- How much time per week do I spend in God's word?
- Do I have joy?
- Am I quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry? (James 1)
- Do I willingly submit to the church leaders with joy? (Hebrews 13:17)

INDIVIDUAL

- Do I have a positive influence on unbelievers (friends, family, co-workers)? Or do they have more influence on me?
- How do I spend my time? Are my priorities in line with God's will?
- How are my finances? Am I giving and tithing regularly? Am I a good steward?
- What are my spiritual gifts? (1 Corinthians 12)
- What ministries am I involved with? How am I serving the kingdom of God?
- Do I have any unconfessed sin?

INDIVIDUAL

- Am I less proud, arrogant, greedy, selfish, lustful and angry than I was last year?
- Am I more patient, generous, loving, kind, gentle, humble and self-controlled than you were last year? (Galatians 5:19-23)
- How would I rate my spiritual life on the whole? (1-10)
- Am I satisfied with my spiritual progress in the last year? Yes or No?
 - If Yes – keep up the good work and keep going! Don't be content.
 - If No – what is your plan of action? What are you going to change and do differently?

FAMILY

(COUPLES OR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN)

- **Husbands:** Do you love your wife and are you willing to lay down your life for her? Do you speak highly of her? Do you care for her? (Ephesians 5:25-32)
- **Wives:** Do you willingly submit to your husband? Do you respect him? (Ephesians 5:22-24; 33)
- **Children:** Do you obey your parents? Do you honor your father and mother? (Ephesians 6:1-3) Do you trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do you fear him? (Proverbs 3:5-7)
- **Parents:** Are you raising your children in the training and instruction of the Lord? (Ephesians 6:4) Are you raising them to walk in truth? (3 John 1:4) Do you talk about God and have his commands written in your hearts? (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

FAMILY

- How often do we pray together as a family?
- Do we read the Bible and memorize Scripture together?
- How are we serving?
- Do we make Worship and Bible Class attendance a priority? Is it a joy or an obligation?
- How healthy is our family's spiritual life?

CHURCH

- Revelation 2-3: “I know your deeds...”
- What would be the letter to Chesmont?
- Is the church growing?
- Is the church healthy?
- Is the church productive?
- Is the church effective?

CHURCH

- Do we have a strong foundation?
- Are we accomplishing our mission, vision and great commission?
(Matthew 26:16-20)
- Are we warm and welcoming to visitors?
- Are there unresolved issues that you have with anyone within the church?
- Do we check in and visit with those who aren't here?

CHURCH

- How many deep and meaningful relationships do you have?
- Do you know everyone's name?
- Is Chesmont cliquey?
- Is our Leadership strong?
- Is our Preacher effective and grounded in Scripture?
- We could go on and on...

FINAL RESULTS?

Spiritual Growth Assessment

(Rank each statement on a scale of 1-5, with 5 being the highest)

INDIVIDUAL

- _____ I am content with who I am now and who I am becoming.
- _____ I have a strong prayer life.
- _____ I spend an appropriate amount of time in God's word each day/week.
- _____ I have joy.
- _____ I am humble.
- _____ I am quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry. (James 1)
- _____ I willingly submit to the church leaders with joy. (Hebrews 13:17)
- _____ I have a positive influence on unbelievers (family, friends, co-workers).
- _____ I am adequately sharing the gospel with others outside the church.
- _____ My priorities are in line with God's will.
- _____ I am guarding my eyes, ears, thoughts, emotions and heart from temptations or things that would weaken the intensity of my desire for more of God.
- _____ I give and tithe regularly.
- _____ I am being a good steward.
- _____ I am not greedy.
- _____ I am generous.
- _____ I know what my spiritual gifts are, and I am using them to their fullest potential. (1 Cor. 12)
- _____ I am actively involved in church missions and ministries.
- _____ I am actively serving in the church and kingdom of God.
- _____ I have meaningful and deep relationships with people in the church.
- _____ I am making new relationships with people in the church.
- _____ I know everyone's name in the church.
- _____ I am less proud, arrogant, greedy, selfish, lustful and angry than I was last year.
- _____ I am more patient, generous, loving, kind, gentle, humble and self-controlled than I was last year. (Galatians 5:19-23)
- _____ I am truly committed to identifying areas I need to grow and I am seeking to allow God to help me grow in them.
- _____ I am truly committed to living a more pleasing life to God today and tomorrow than I did yesterday.
- _____ I am satisfied with my spiritual progress in the last year.

FAMILY (couples, families with children)

Husbands:

- _____ I love my wife.
- _____ I am willing to lay down my life for her.
- _____ I speak highly of her.
- _____ I care for her.
- _____ I am gentle with her.

Wives:

- _____ I love my husband.
- _____ I willingly submit to my husband.
- _____ I respect my husband. (Ephesians 5:22-24; 33)

Children:

- _____ I obey my parents and do it without complaining. (Ephesians 6:1)
- _____ I honor my father and mother.
- _____ I trust in the Lord with all my heart, and I fear him. (Proverbs 3:5-7)

Parents:

- _____ We are raising our children in the training and instruction of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:4)
- _____ We are raising our children to walk in truth. (3 John 1:4)
- _____ We talk about God and have his commands written in our hearts. (Deuteronomy 6:4-9)
- _____ We pray together as a family.
- _____ We read the Bible and memorize Scripture together as a family.
- _____ We spend time each week in family worship.
- _____ We are actively serving the Kingdom of God together as a family.
- _____ We make worship and bible class attendance a priority.
- _____ Church attendance is a joy for our family. It is something we look forward to and get energized from.
- _____ I seek every opportunity to impart Godly principles into each of my family members.
- _____ I am truly committed to helping each member of my family grow in Christ, identify their gifts and callings, and preparing them for their walk with God.
- _____ I am satisfied with our family's spiritual progress in the last year.

CHURCH

- _____ The church is growing.
- _____ The church is healthy.
- _____ The church is productive.
- _____ The church is effective.
- _____ Believers are being added to the body regularly.
- _____ We are actively reaching out to our community.
- _____ The different ministries, small groups and events are accomplishing their goals and missions.
- _____ We have an adequate number of volunteers and participation at events.
- _____ We are mentoring and counseling our Youth and set a good example for them.
- _____ We are seeking to impart righteousness into the next generation.
- _____ We have a strong foundation. We are stronger than we were last year.
- _____ We are accomplishing our mission, vision and ultimately the great commission. (Matt. 26:16-20)
- _____ We are warm, welcoming, and friendly towards visitors. We greet visitors and genuinely try to get to know them.
- _____ There aren't any unresolved issues with anyone within the church.
- _____ We regularly check in on those who aren't here.
- _____ We have strong Leadership.
- _____ Our Elders are shepherding effectively.
- _____ Our Deacons are serving effectively.
- _____ Our Preacher's teaching, preaching, and ministering is grounded in the truth of God's word.
- _____ We are satisfied with the spiritual progress of the church at large in the last year.