

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV)

Change Me

You know me. There is nothing that I have thought, said or done that is a secret to you. You know me from the inside out. Nothing about me has escaped your notice. You know me better than I know myself. You know what I will say or do even before I have spoken a word or done a thing. **That's right.** I have a question for you. **Go ahead, I'm listening.** If you know me so well what sense does it make for me to ask you to search me? You have already searched me. You already know me. **Yes, I do. Your invitation is what is important to me.** Your invitation tells me even more about you. **Like what?**

Your invitation for me to search your heart and mind and life tells me that you want to live in ways that are pleasing to me. You could have tried to hide yourself from me. That would make no sense. Such an effort would be ridiculously impossible. Nothing can be hidden from you. **That's right. From the Garden of Eden and the fall of mankind onward many have tried to hide themselves and their sin from me. Many have fearfully tried to run away from their sin, guilt and shame. That is not pleasing to me. That is not my desire. That is not my plan. My son came into the world so that sin could be forgiven. He wiped away guilt and shame for all those who received His forgiveness and cleansing. You have received my Son as your Lord and Savior.** Yes, that's true. **You are living the new life that you have been called to live.** Yes, I am. **It is your desire to live in ways that please me.** Yes, it is. **As part of your desire to live in ways that please me, you are asking me to search your heart and mind and life.** Yes, I am.

Why are you unafraid for me to search your heart and mind and life? Are you living a perfect life? Will I find nothing in your life that is not pleasing me to me? No, I'm sure that you will find things that I have thought, said or done that are not pleasing to you. I'm inviting you to not only search me. I am inviting you to change me. I want you to mold and shape me into the person you have called me to be. I want to live the life that you have called me to live. I'm trusting that you will change me. I believe that you will work in and through me. My life is in your hands. **Yes, it is. I will search you. I will change you.**

Lord, search my heart and mind and life. Show me if there are any thoughts or ways in me that are offensive to you. I want to live my life in every way that is pleasing to you. Lead me in your way everlasting. Help me to calmly live my life according to your will. Amen

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

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NIV Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

ESV Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

NLT Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

NKJV Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

NRSV Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Investigate My Life, O God*

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; Cross-examine and test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See for yourself whether I've done anything wrong— then guide me on the road to eternal life.

MSG Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me Thoroughly, O God*

Search me [thoroughly], O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

AMP Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test my thoughts. Point out anything you find in me that makes you sad, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.

TLB Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *Search Me, O God*

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

NASB Psalm 139:23-24

The Mind *God, Examine Me*

God, examine me and know my heart; test me and know my nervous thoughts. See if there is any bad thing in me. Lead me on the road to everlasting life.

NCV Psalm 139:23-24

Search Me, O God

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

The Mind – Psalm 139:23-24

In Context: *Read Psalm 139*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, search my heart and mind and life. Show me if there are any thoughts or ways in me that are offensive to you. I want to live my life in every way that is pleasing to you. Lead me in your way everlasting. Help me to calmly live my life according to your will. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you asked God to search your heart and mind and life?

What would you hope God would find as He examined your heart and mind and life?

What benefit would there be for God to find and point out an offensive way in your heart and mind?

How has the Lord helped you to turn away from anything that is offensive to Him?

How has the Lord been leading you away from offensive ways into His way everlasting?

Why are God's ways everlasting, and offensive ways sure to pass away?

When has the Lord calmed anxious thoughts that you have held in your heart and mind?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Ask the Lord to search your heart and mind to show you if there is any offensive way that He would like to remove.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in our heart?)

Have faith that God will search your heart and mind and life so that He can lead you in His everlasting way.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has removed an offensive way from your heart and mind.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of..

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you allow the Lord to search your heart and mind and life so He can remove any offensive way from you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, search my heart and mind and life and remove any offensive way from me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, as you search my heart and mind and life what would you like to remove from me?
