

# Examining faith

# Why Do Some Examine Their Faith?

### Self justification

• Balaam sets an example for us-seeking his desired outcome (Num. 22)

#### A matter of convenience

Is it to escape pressure? Is it to seek our worldly pursuits? (2 Tim. 4:10; Luke 9:57-62)

#### Responsibility fatigue

• It's not easy being a living sacrifice! (Rom. 12:1)

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Because God wants us to!



"Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed you are disqualified" (2 Cor. 13:5)

"Test all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thess. 5:21)

# Examining Faith-What criteria? (Acts 8)

- Emotions? (:9)
- A great leader? (:9)
- Numbers? (:10)
- Appearances? (:11)
- Duration of time? (:11)

"But when they believed Philip as he preached <u>the things concerning the kingdom</u> <u>of God and the name of Jesus Christ</u>, both men and women were baptized." (:12)

