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What surprised me were my answers after I reviewed them honestly and made a personal reconciliation of sorts. Some of the answers were very encouraging and affirming.

Others were simply not. Several others were less than what I would honestly hope to put down. Realizing the summation of my answers, I was challenged to focus on answering these questions more than once. I realized that taking inventory of my spiritual health on an annual basis was a wise thing to do. It is easy for anyone to give themselves more credit than due or to lie to themselves. It is easy to deceive yourself because you see the world through your eyes most of the time. The questions below remind me of the reality of what my personal relationship with God looks like, and how I truly am doing spiritually. It invites me to draw near to God, so He can draw near to me. It invites me to seek to grow spiritually in the year ahead.

What are your answers today about these 15 questions (*You owe it to yourself to be brutally honest*):

1. Am I closer to God than a year ago?
2. Am I more rested in God's oversight in my life?
3. Do I sense a growing eternal perspective reminding me that this life is not all there is?
4. Do I view my life as an investment that is accompanied by an eagerness to please God?
5. Do I find hope and encouragement with God's word? Is God speaking to me through His Word I read every day?
6. Am I more of a taker or contributor? What's the natural inclination of my life?
7. Am I able to turn to God in times of pain and suffering?
8. Does my worship go beyond singing songs at a weekend service?
9. Have I learned to feed myself spiritually? I am responsible for my spiritual growth.
10. Have I made progress over sinful habits or my greatest personal spiritual struggles?
11. Have I embraced Grace abandoning any attempt to earn or deserve my salvation?
12. Am I seeking changes in my life and am I and others seeing changes in my life? Changes like love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control?
13. As I follow God with my life, am I becoming a different person?
14. Am I truly following the leading of the Holy Spirit in my work, family and life in general?
15. How am I doing right now spiritually, really?