Bible Paradox

How well do we know others? How well do we know ourselves? How well do we know the Lord?



Do We Really Know Other People?

On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you know others? What can you do to make it a 10?

- In his first letter to the Corinthian believers, Paul said that God had made him and the
 other apostles "a ______ to the world" (1 Cor. 4:9).
- The apostle John in his first epistle gives us a number of inspired "birthmarks" of true believers,
 - beginning with obedience to the Lord's ______(1 Jn 2:1-6).
 - True believers have _____ for the people of God (1 Jn 2:7-11)
 - and live a _____ Christian life (<u>1 Jn 2:12–14</u>).
 - They are _____ from the world (<u>1 Jn 2:15–17</u>),

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• faithful to God's and God's (<u>1 Jn 2:18–23</u>).
• We must seek the guidance of the(<u>1 Jn 2:20</u> , <u>27</u>),
 lest we carelessly allow the "antichrist crowd" to start infecting the (1 Jn 2:18-19).
 We must ask God for and (<u>James 1:5</u>)
 King David warned his son Solomon that "the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the" (<u>1 Chron. 28:9</u>);
Do We Really Know Ourselves?
On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you know yourself? What can you do to make it a 10?
Maturity can only be developed from
 Being true to ourselves unifies our lives, but once our false self appears, we become and this brings instability (<u>James 1:8</u>).
 "Faithful are the wounds of a, but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful" (Prov. 27:6).
Do We Really Know the Lord?
On a scale of 1 to 10, how well do you know the Lord? What can you do to make it a 10?
 No wonder Jesus cried out one day, "How long should I with you?" (Matt. 17:17)
 As we are "increasing in the of God" (<u>Col. 1:10</u>),
• God wants us to know His (<u>Acts 22:14</u>),
Jesus came to reveal the Father to us.
• "If you had known Me," He told the disciples,
• "you would have known My" (<u>John 14:7</u>).