





**Lieutenant Colonel  
George Armstrong Custer**

Custer did not  
correctly examine  
himself



**Haggai 1:1–4 (KJV)** — 1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Josedech, the high priest, saying, 2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. 3 Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house lie waste?

**Haggai 1:5 (KJV)** — 5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways.

**Haggai 1:5 (LXX)** — 5 Now this says the Lord Almighty, Examine now your hearts in regard to your ways.

**Haggai 1:6 (KJV)** — 6 Ye have sown much,  
and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not  
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**Haggai 1:8 (KJV) — 8** Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD.

**Haggai 1:9 (KJV)** — 9 Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house.

**Matthew 7:5 (KJV)** — 5 Thou hypocrite,  
first cast out the beam out of thine own eye;  
and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out  
the mote out of thy brother's eye.

**Jeremiah 17:9 (KJV)** — 9 The heart  
is deceitful above all things, and  
desperately wicked: who can know it?

**2 Corinthians 13:5 (KJV) — 5** Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?



**Hebrews 3:12 (KJV)** — 12 Take heed,  
brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil  
heart of unbelief, in departing from the  
living God.

**1 Corinthians 11:28–29 (KJV)** — 28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

**John 8:7–9 (KJV)** — 7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. 8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

**Romans 2:1 (KJV)** — 1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.



**Jimmy Swaggart**





**Marvin Gorman**





**“I have sinned”**

**Romans 2:2–4 (KJV)** — 2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things. 3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God? 4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

**Psalm 19:12 (KJV) — 12 Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults.**

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**Jeremiah 17:10 (KJV)** — 10 I the LORD  
search the heart, I try the reins, even to give  
every man according to his ways, and  
according to the fruit of his doings.

**Psalm 26:2 (KJV) — 2** Examine me,  
O LORD, and prove me; try my reins  
and my heart.

**Psalm 139:23–24 (KJV) —** 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Job 13:23 (KJV)** — 23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? make me to know my transgression and my sin.

**Lamentations 3:40–42 (KJV)** — 40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD. 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. 42 We have transgressed and have rebelled: thou hast not pardoned.

Judas was highly regarded by the disciples, and had great influence over them. He himself had a high opinion of his own qualifications, and looked upon his brethren as greatly inferior to him in judgment and ability. They did not see their opportunities, he thought, and take advantage of circumstances. The church would never prosper with such shortsighted men as leaders.



Peter was impetuous; he would move without consideration. John, who was treasuring up the truths that fell from Christ's lips, was looked upon by Judas as a poor financier. Matthew, whose training had taught him accuracy in all things, was very particular in regard to honesty, and he was ever contemplating the words of Christ, and became so absorbed in them that, as Judas thought, he could not be trusted to do sharp, far-seeing business.

Thus Judas summed up all the disciples, and flattered himself that the church would often be brought into perplexity and embarrassment if it were not for his ability as a manager. Judas regarded himself as the capable one, who could not be overreached. In his own estimation he was an honor to the cause, and as such he always represented himself. (*The Desire of Ages*, p. 717.1)

**James 1:23–25 (KJV)** — 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

**Galatians 6:1 (KJV)** — 1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

**Galatians 6:2 (KJV) — 2 Bear ye  
one another's burdens, and so fulfil  
the law of Christ.**

**Galatians 6:3–4 (KJV)** — 3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.



You do not know your own spiritual condition. You are lacking in every heavenly grace. You should humbly and carefully examine your own hearts, your own individual characters. You need to open your hearts that light may shine upon your darkness, that you may see and understand your motives. The apostle's injunction is, "Examine yourselves whether ye be in the faith. Prove your own selves." [2 Corinthians 13:5.] What is the character of your thoughts, your spirit, your purposes, your words, and actions? Compare them with the Scripture, and see whether you represent the character of Christ. (7LtMs, Lt 18b, 1891, par. 41)

Go to Jesus humbly, and break your hearts, hardened by feelings of bitterness and hatred. Let the grace of Christ soften and melt you, that you may put away everything that is destructive of your peace. If you do not see your hearts in the light of Jesus Christ, self-love will prompt you to have a much better opinion of yourselves than you deserve, for the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. (7LtMs, Lt 18b, 1891, par. 42)

You have both pursued a course that is displeasing to God, for you have cherished unchristian feelings toward each other. Under the influence of selfishness, you have committed the great sin of casting your mother out of your home. Brother Kynett, God is not pleased with you; and if you are not transformed in character, you will go on in the sparks of your own kindling and lie down in darkness. Let not one of you boast over the other, for you have both had a wrong spirit. God is giving you another opportunity of being converted, to be trained and disciplined and educated for usefulness and fitted for immortality. (7LtMs, Lt 18b, 1891, par. 43)

Sister Kynett has been at disagreement with her mother, and she has thought she has had provocation; but if she had been truly converted, she would have borne with the little annoyances that arose. Sister Kynett has talked too much to others of her home trouble and has obtained sympathy and advice which has been an injury to her. As a professed daughter of the heavenly King, she should have borne the perplexities with meekness and self-control. (7LtMs, Lt 18b, 1891, par. 44)

The church has had reason to lose confidence in you as Christians. But you can regain their confidence by pursuing a humble course and doing your duty in the fear of the Lord. You have entered into temptation and for a long time have remained insensible to your sin. You have been blinded and deceived by Satan. You have betrayed Jesus, your Saviour; you have grieved the Holy Spirit of God.



You have brought reproach upon the cause of God and have enshrouded your soul in midnight darkness. Now, O now, with tears, not of sympathy for yourself, but with tears of contrition, in an agony of penitential grief, urge your case to the throne of grace. God will hear your confession, the Lord will answer your petition, and He will heal your backslidings and make you strong to do and to suffer His will. (7LtMs, Lt 18b, 1891, par. 52)











