

# Who's *First*?

2 Timothy 1:3-7

It's wonderful to reflect on the nature of God's presence in your life, especially within the context of your heart. Here are some questions to help you ponder this:

## Reflecting on God's Presence and Your Relationship:

Consider your level of engagement with your relationship with God, examining how much energy and effort you invest. Ponder if you are dedicating your entire being – heart, mind, and strength – to God and how much His Word influences you. Reflect on your reliance and trust in God, and consider if your love and passion for Him have waned. Think about whether love for God is evident in your actions and if your primary loyalty is to God or the world. Finally, assess your belief in God's unconditional love and whether you are experiencing His strength and power in your life.

## Examining Your Heart:

Ponder if you have truly acknowledged your sinfulness before God and experienced deep conviction about your sins. Consider your understanding of the gospel and the authenticity of your repentance. Reflect on whether your hope for salvation is solely based on faith in Christ and if there is evidence of spiritual transformation in your life. Think about your desire to share your faith and your attitude towards Christian community and worship. Finally, consider if you are living in anticipation of Christ's return.

## Practical Application and Action:

Reflect on what Scripture says about your identity in Christ and if you are truly believing it. Consider other areas where you might be seeking fulfillment outside

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of God and how you can actively seek to honor Him in your daily life. Engage in prayer and reflection on gratitude, trust, and surrender, and focus on interceding for others.

To explore God's presence in your heart, consider questions about your relationship with God, the influence of His Word, and your reliance on Him. Reflect on your actions, motivations, and how you respond to challenges. Examine if your love for God is overflowing and if you are experiencing His strength and power.

## Relationship with God:

- *How much effort do I put into my relationship with God?*
- *Am I giving God my all – heart, mind, and strength?*
- *How much does God's Word influence my heart?*
- *Do I feel secure that God loves me at my worst?*
- *How much do I rely on and trust God?*
- *Have I lost any love or passion for God?*
- *Motivations and Actions:*
- *Are my actions consistent with my faith?*
- *What are the areas of my life where I struggle to obey God?*
- *Am I experiencing God's strength and power?*
- *What are the things I need to again fully submit to Him?*
- *Do I love what God loves and hate what God hates?*
- *How do I feel about intimacy (with God and others)?*

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## Response to Challenges:

- *What is my reaction to the Word of God?*
- *What are the (hard) things in my life that I'm struggling to trust Him with?*
- *What is my response to problems? Do I believe God is still on the throne?*
- *When I face challenges, do I trust God to bring resolution?*
- *Do I feel close to God, or do I feel distant?*

## Other Helpful Questions:

- *Do I seek independence or control, or do I submit to God's authority?*
- *Do I dwell on what others think or on what God thinks?*
- *Am I paying too much attention to what people think of me?*
- *Am I worshiping God or complaining to God?*
- *What are my most precious resources, and how do I invest them?*
- *Is there anything or anyone I desire more than God?*
- *Am I actively seeking God and taking time to feel His presence?*



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