SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

Mark 15:12 Jeremiah 8:6

Introduction: "What have I done?" A question often asked when being scolded or blamed for something that one is unknowing about. That question was never asked when Israel had wandered from God and gotten into idolatry, no one asked "...what have I done...?" They just didn't seem to care that they had left God. The question can also be asked of one's self, "What have I done about..this or that?" Pilate asked the question "...what shall I do with Him who is called the King of the Jews?" That's a good question for one to ask him/herself, so review your relationship with God with these questions:

I. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH GOD?

- 1. Is God the One who gave you life?
- 2. Isn't it by the grace of God that you continue to live day by day?
- 3. Have you been mindful of and thankful for the goodness of God's mercies?
- 4. What place in your life have you been giving God lately? First? That's His place you know.
- 5. Just what have you been doing with God?

II. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH JESUS?

- 1. Hasn't Jesus been given to you as a gift from God, the Father?
- 2. Hasn't Jesus died for you?
- 3. Haven't you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior?
- 4. Have you allowed Him to become the King of your life?
- 5. Just what have you been doing with Jesus?

III. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- 1. Has He been grieved because of your lack of faith?
- 2. Has a deaf ear been turned to Him when He was telling you what you needed to do?
- 3. Has your heart become cool, indifferent to what you once felt when the Holy Spirit spoke?
- 4. Has the Holy Spirit had complete freedom to work God's will in your life?
- 5. Just what have you been doing with the Holy Spirit?

IV. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH YOUR BIBLE?

- 1. Have you been reading it as God speaking directly to your very heart and soul?
- 2. Have you made it your first source of reference and counsel? (What does God say?)
- 3. Have you been memorizing verses of God's Word?
- 4. Have you been asking the Holy Spirit to help you understand difficult verses?
- 5. Just what have you been doing with your Bible?

V. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH YOUR POSSESSIONS?

- 1. Have you been giving God what He asks you to give, a tenth at the least?
- 2. Have you been giving God the time He wants you to use for Him?
- 3. Have you been faithful in attending Bible studies and worship services?
- 4. Have you been available to be used however God might want to use you in His church?
- 5. Just what have you been doing with what you have?

VI. WHAT IS BEING DONE WITH THE OPPORTUNITIES GOD GIVES YOU?

- 1. Have you been doing what you think God wants you to do?
- 2. Have you been sharing your faith in Jesus when God gives you an opportunity?
- 3. Have you been praying for people by name and situation?
- 4. Have you been loving and forgiving of those who are difficult to love and forgive?
- 5. Just what have you been doing with the opportunities God gives you?

CONCLUSION:

- 1. As Israel never asked "...what have I done..?" when they left God for idols, no body cared. Why not ask yourself the questions "What have I been doing with God, with Jesus, with the Holy Spirit, with my Bible, with my possessions, with my opportunities, just what have I been doing as a Christian?
- 2. Only God and you really know what has been happening. Do you think He is satisfied and pleased with what has been happening between you two lately?
- 3. Take an inventory, go back and review your life. Could you have done better? Do you really want to do better? Does God want you to do better? Then what are you going to do about it?
- 4. Remember the old hymn, "All To Jesus, I Surrender," would you think of the words and instead of singing it, pray it with all your heart?

"All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever lover and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit - Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

I surrender all, I surrender all All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

(Judson W. Van DeVenter, Winfred S. Weeden)