Measuring Ourselves The Smart Way
2 Cor. 10:12-18

Introduction:
A. Paul was careful how he measured himself? (v. 12).
B. Paul refers to three possible standards by which we may measure our lives:

Discussion:
I. Oneself. “They measure themselves by themselves.”
A. A fool is right in his own eyes. (Prov. 12:15).
B. What seems right may bring death. (Prov. 14:12).
C. Nearly everyone proclaims own goodness. (Prov. 20:6) - but few saved. (Matt. 7:13,14).
D. Woe to those wise in own eyes. (Isa. 5:21).
E. Self-righteous lost. (Rom. 10:1-3).

II. One's Neighbor. “Comparing themselves among themselves.”
A. Jews did this. (Mt. 15:9,14).
B. Common practice often the standard. (Num. 16:1-3).
C. Judged by our works, not another’s. (Rev. 20:13).
D. Statements that reveal such measurement.
   1. “Well, so & so, did it, so can I”.
   2. “The preacher did it.”
   3. “If He can go to heaven, so can I”.
   4. “What I did is no worse than what you did.”
   5. “Brother Blank said....”

III. God. (v. 13,18)
A. We must speak as oracles of God. (1 Pet. 4:11).
B. We must measure ourselves of God’s standard.
   1. Furnishes to every good work. (2 Tim. 3:16,17).
   2. Gives all things pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Pet. 1:3).
   3. Contains all spiritual truth. (Jno. 16:13; 14:26; 17:17).
   4. It is mirror of soul. (Jas. 1:25).
   5. To transgress is to be without God. (2 John 9).
   6. Will be judged by it. (Rev. 20:12; John 12:48)

Conclusion:
A. Search the Scriptures. (Acts 17:11).
B. Measure life by Scriptures. (Jas. 1:25).