

**THREE**



**CHAIRS**

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## **I. THE CHALLENGE AND NECESSITY OF SELF-EXAMINATION**

The human heart is the most deceitful of all things, and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?

Jeremiah 17:9 (NLT)

Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it.

2 Corinthians 13:5 (TMSG)

**The tool we are going to use today to help us with this spiritual self-evaluation is the analogy known as "The Three Chairs". These chairs represent three different spiritual conditions that everyone finds themselves in at one time or another.**

## **II. WHICH SPIRITUAL CONDITION DOES EACH CHAIR REPRESENT?**

*One word descriptions:*

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_.

**Read Joshua 24:14-15 and Judges 2:6-8,10-12**

## **II. HOW DOES THE CHAIR AM SITTING IN AFFECT MY LIFE?**

### **1. My view of God.**

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_.

### **2. My view of who rules my life.**

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_ - God is in charge.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_ - Struggle between me and God.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_ - I am in charge.

### **3. My view of Jesus.**

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_.

Anyone who is not for me is against me; if he isn't helping me, he is hurting my cause.

Luke 11:23 (TLB)

**4. My view of the Bible.**

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_.

**5. My view of church.**

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. My view of marriage.**

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_.

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_.

## 7. My view of the Children.

Chair One: Raise \_\_\_\_\_ kids.

Chair Two: Raise \_\_\_\_\_ kids.

Chair Three: Raise \_\_\_\_\_ kids.

## III. WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT THE CHAIR—SPIRITUAL CONDITION I AM IN?

Chair One: \_\_\_\_\_ my life to Jesus daily.

Then he said to all of them, "If anyone wants to follow me, he must say no to himself. He must pick up his cross every day and follow me.

Luke 9:23 (NIRV)

Chair Two: \_\_\_\_\_ of whatever is keeping me stuck.

I know you well—you are neither hot nor cold; I wish you were one or the other! But since you are merely lukewarm, I will spit you out of my mouth! "You say, 'I am rich, with everything I want; I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that spiritually you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked.

Revelation 3:16-17 (TLB)

Chair Three: \_\_\_\_\_ the gift of salvation God is offering.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

**Answer Key:** Commitment, Compromise, Complacency, Relationship, Religion, Rejection, Clarity, Conflicted, Certainty, Follower, Fan, Foe, Submission, Shifting, Skepticism, Community, Club, Custom, Covenant, Contract, Convenience, godly, good, rich, Recommit, Repent, Receive