

Try This Simple Trick to Instantly Check Your Spiritual Growth

Have you been using your Bible incorrectly this whole time?

In a recent TikTok video, Kelly Kopp pointed out that Scripture is embedded with hidden features that can provide us with what we need to grow in spiritual maturity and relationship to Christ.

According to Kopp, the Bible holds more than just stories and commandments—it holds tools designed by God to help us examine ourselves and grow. One of the most powerful of these tools can be found in 1 Corinthians 13, often referred to as the “love chapter.”

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“You see, God put a device in the Bible to help you check your levels,” Kopp explains. “He gave you a tool you can use anytime to find out where exactly you are in this walk with God.”

The passage in question describes what true love looks like: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous or boastful or proud... Love keeps no record of wrong... Love never fails.” But this isn’t just a poetic description of ideal behavior—it’s a portrait of God Himself. As Kopp reminds us, “God is love, so this is painting a picture of what God looks like.”

Here's the challenge Kopp offers: if you really want to know how closely you're walking with God, take those verses and replace the word "love" with your own name.

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"All you gotta do if you want to check your levels is go to First Corinthians 13, start in verse 4, and every time you see the word love, take it out and put your name in instead and see if it still makes sense."

Kopp gives an example using his own name: "Kelly is patient. Kelly is kind. Kelly does not demand his own way. Kelly keeps no record of being wronged..." This exercise, though simple, can be profoundly convicting. "Ouch," Kopp admits, recognizing how easy it is to fall short.

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But the goal isn't condemnation—it's growth. "If you use this verse to check your levels and you realize you're not where you need to be, don't beat yourself up. God's not mad at you. And all you need to do to become more like Him is spend more time with Him."

This spiritual heart check is more than a clever Bible trick—it's a pathway to transformation. By examining our own hearts in the light of God's perfect love, we're invited into deeper intimacy with Him.

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Kopp closes the message with this encouragement: "Press into the Father today. Get in His word and find out how good He really is. He doesn't have love—He *is* love. And He wants to pour it out on you."

When it comes to spiritual growth, self-reflection is essential—and God has already given us the perfect tool for it. By using Scripture not just to read about love but to measure how much of it lives in us, we open the door to transformation. The goal isn't perfection but progress. If we fall short, it's not a sign of failure—it's a call to draw closer to the One who is love. Let this be your invitation to lean in, press forward and let God's presence shape you from the inside out.

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Beware the Wolves in Pulpits: How to Identify False Prophets in the Church Today

For many believers, Pentecost brings to mind the dramatic scene in Acts 2—the rushing wind, tongues of fire, and the disciples filled with the Holy Spirit. But as Rabbi Schneider reveals in his powerful teaching, the roots of this day run far deeper—and its true meaning is even more intimate.

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“Virtually all of us are familiar with the term Pentecost,” Schneider says, “but how many of us are familiar with the title of that holy day from the Hebrew Bible, which is Shavuot?” Known in the Old Testament as the Feast of Weeks, Shavuot originally celebrated the wheat harvest and the offering of first fruits to the Lord. “Israel every year...

would present the first fruit of that harvest to the Lord. And in doing so, they were acknowledging that it was God that was blessing them.”

But this feast carries another, more profound layer. According to Jewish tradition, it was also on Shavuot that God revealed Himself at Mount Sinai, thundering His voice to an entire nation. “Approximately three million Jews who were alive at the time heard His voice and saw His glory,” Schneider shares. This moment marked a covenant encounter between God and His people.

Fast forward 1,500 years, and the disciples were once again gathered—celebrating Shavuot. They weren’t anticipating the extraordinary. “They had been doing the same thing every year... already celebrating by the time we get to Acts 2, for 1,500 years.” But something changed that day. “The Lord didn’t speak to His people as He did on Mount Sinai... from a faraway place... But in Acts 2, the Lord went beyond speaking from the heavens to come inside and inhabit the human soul.”

This shift—from God speaking externally to dwelling internally—is the heartbeat of Pentecost’s power. “If you love Jesus, He lives in you. This is the mystery of the gospel. Christ in you, the hope of glory,” Schneider declares.

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Rather than chasing signs or external manifestations, Rabbi Schneider urges believers to recognize the Spirit within. “He’s closer to you than your next heartbeat. He’s closer to you than your own breath.” The real challenge, he says, is to

stop searching “out there” and to realize that “God is not so far away... He’s in your heart.”

To access this reality, Schneider emphasizes the need for spiritual discipline. “We relate to the world through our senses... But we need to stop looking outside, and we need to... turn our focus inside where Christ is.” He encourages taking time each day to sit before the Lord, even if just for 15 minutes. “Don’t even talk to your spouse first. Don’t talk to your kids first. Give the Lord the first 15 minutes of your morning.”

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Ultimately, Pentecost isn’t just a historical event or a spectacular outpouring. It’s an invitation to live from the inside out—led by the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Final Call? Why This May Be the Last Warning You’ll Ever Hear

Could there be a divine connection between wisdom, prophecy and true freedom?

In a recent interview with Jennifer Bagnaschi, John Eckhardt challenged believers to seek after the Spirit of wisdom, a divine force that goes far beyond human intellect.

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“You cannot be an immoral person and operate in God’s wisdom,” Eckhardt warned. “Wisdom hates sin. Wisdom hates immorality. When you love sin and wickedness, you will not like wisdom.” He added, “Wisdom is really a condition of the heart. When wisdom comes into your heart, it will affect the way you live, your decisions, your relationships.”



To order John Eckhardt’s book, Prayers That Rout Demons, visit .

For new believers wondering how to obtain wisdom, Eckhardt explained that it comes from multiple sources: “You get wisdom from the Word of God. The Spirit of God is called the Spirit of Wisdom. You get wisdom through correction, through humility, through prayer.”

He emphasized the importance of wise counsel: “Sometimes you need wisdom to untie the knots. Sometimes you need a word of wisdom, a word from a prophet, a word from a leader to tell you what the problem is.”

Eckhardt described how “naughty problems” can feel like tangled strings with no clear solution, and that God-given wisdom is the key to breakthrough. “Wisdom has the ability to untie knots, to give you solutions to problems that seem unsolvable.”

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Wisdom also affects emotional discipline and self-control. “The Bible says, a man that has no control over his own spirit is like a city broken down without walls. When your emotions are out of control, you can’t make good decisions.”



To order Jennifer Bagnaschi's new book, The Devil's Greatest Fear, visit .

Fasting and prayer are powerful tools for receiving clarity. "When you fast and pray, you say, God, give me wisdom. What is the problem here? What am I missing? What is it that I don't see?"

Eckhardt also spoke strongly in defense of the prophetic ministry: "When you preach against the supernatural, you are helping Satan keep people in bondage. You're making people religious, but you're not giving them power." He added, "There are still apostles and prophets in the church today."

He explained that the enemy resists the supernatural because it breaks people free. "The reason why the enemy fights the supernatural—he doesn't want the supernatural power of God in the church—is because the supernatural brings breakthrough."

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In a time when the prophetic is often pursued without grounding, John Eckhardt reminds us that true spiritual authority flows from the connection between wisdom and revelation.

As the church seeks deeper prophetic insight, it must also return to the foundation of godly wisdom that protects, purifies and empowers the voice of God to be released with clarity and impact.

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Mom Finds Lifeless Baby—Then God Performed a Miracle

In a world that often downplays the supernatural, evangelist David Diga Hernandez offers a bold reminder: God still speaks and moves today.

Speaking on the Directed Life podcast, with Kap Chatfield, Hernandez recalled his early spiritual journey and the life-changing encounter that set him ablaze with passion for the Holy Spirit.

Raised in a Christian home, he explained, “I’m a fourth-generation Christian, third-generation preacher. Even in that, I was tormented in the mind. Depression, anxiety, nightmares, seeing demonic faces. It was really horrific.”

Look for Kap Chatfield’s upcoming new book, Prosperity Is Not a Curse Word. Available soon on .

Hernandez traced some of that spiritual warfare to generational roots.

“My great-great-grandfather was a warlock from Zacus, Mexico,” he said, revealing that demonic strategies had been targeting his family line for generations.

The turning point came when he was just 11 years old.

“I realized I needed to give my life to Jesus. I needed to get saved—like truly saved,” he said.

Despite his religious upbringing, he was convicted that his previous faith was shallow.

“I knew Him [Jesus] historically. I knew Him socially. I knew Him philosophically. But I didn’t know Him personally.”

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What followed was a transformative moment of salvation.

“My father led me in prayer. I couldn’t even get the words out. My mouth was trembling, tears coming down my face. I felt like Jesus walked into the room. When Jesus walked in, every demon ran out.”

While the spiritual oppression lifted, Hernandez emphasized that his journey didn’t suddenly become perfect.

“Christians are attacked often still by demonic powers,” he said. “But now I was fighting the battle from the position of victory.”

Driven by hunger for more of God, Hernandez began seeking deeper encounters.

“I locked myself in the room and told the Lord, ‘I’m not leaving this room until I have an encounter with You.’” He spent hours in prayer, battling distraction and religious guilt. But something shifted.

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“I felt like someone grabbed my room and elevated it to the heavenly realm. My plain, ordinary room became like a piece of heaven on earth,” he said. “Had that lasted for only a second, it would have been worth it. It lasted for a couple minutes. But had I sought it for 100 years, those few minutes would have been worth it.”

That encounter ignited a lifelong passion to help others walk with the Holy Spirit. “I think the Holy Spirit is one of the most misunderstood components of our faith,” he said. “But Jesus said it’s better that I go because the Father will send the Holy Spirit.”

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Hernandez concluded with a powerful truth: “Because the Scripture is sufficient, I believe the truth therein has helped me connect with the God who still speaks.”

His story is a reminder that spiritual reality is not only biblical—it’s deeply personal. God wants His Holy Spirit to dwell within each of us. The question now is: Are you seeking Him each and every day?

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This One Hebrew Word Reveals the True Purpose of Pentecost

From the remote depths of the Santa Monica Mountains, L.A. Marzulli and a panel of prophetic voices gathered for a powerful roundtable discussion centered on a theme growing more urgent by the day: deception in the last days.

Joined by respected researchers and pastors including J.B. Hixson, John Haller, Gary McKibben, and Lee Brainard, the conversation explored a rising wave of spiritual warfare, global manipulation and the increasing manifestation of what Scripture warns will characterize the end times.

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These leaders, each deeply engaged in the study of biblical prophecy, pointed to mounting evidence that the world is rapidly approaching a period of unprecedented deception. With spiritual battles intensifying, many believers are experiencing direct attacks—ranging from personal turmoil to inexplicable manifestations of demonic activity. These are not abstract warnings; they're tangible, real-world experiences affecting families, ministries and even entire nations.

“This changes everything,” says Marzulli.

A major concern raised was the mainstream normalization of UFOs—now rebranded as UAPs (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena). What was once dismissed as fringe theory is now a serious topic of discussion among U.S. lawmakers and military intelligence agencies. These prophetic voices believe this global fascination with extraterrestrial life is laying the groundwork for the coming great deception—a strategy of the enemy to explain away the soon-coming disappearance of millions of believers at the rapture.

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In fact, the groundwork for such a narrative has already been laid by New Age teachings and occult channeling, which describe a future scenario where people are “removed” from the earth because they can no longer evolve spiritually. This deception, they warn, will be embraced by a world desperate for answers in the aftermath of global chaos—particularly in

the event of a nuclear incident or some other mass-scale trigger that fosters fear and confusion. In such an environment, the door will be wide open for demonic forces to introduce a false savior system, uniting the world under a single religious and governmental structure.

Right now, they warn that Satan is actively executing a multidimensional strategy, infiltrating not only through supernatural phenomena but also through technology, entertainment and theological error. The erosion of sound doctrine—particularly around topics like the rapture, the Nephilim and spiritual warfare—is leaving many Christians spiritually unequipped for the days ahead.

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As darkness grows bolder, the church must rise in discernment and power. This is not a time for passive faith. It is a time for the people of God to wake up, armor up and stand firm against the schemes of the enemy. The days are short—and the battle is real.

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New Gateway Church Pastor Ignites Hope in First Message to Congregation