

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

*Psalm 139:23-24*

I am doing a personal Bible study. Sometimes that is the way I stay 'spiritually healthy' best. I have just begun, so I do not see any earth-shaking changes – yet! I do hope to. These verses of Psalm 139 are to be my 'prayer.' As I pray God's Word, I am to ask God to 'turn a searchlight on [my] life.' This almost sounds like I have become an escapee!! In reality, I *am* being pursued by the Law . . . God is drawing me back to Himself. As a Holy Being, however, He has to examine my heart – my feelings, thoughts and actions – convict me, and if I choose to repent, forgive me. I know that I have things in my life that I am not looking forward to being revealed by the searchlight. At the same time, I want to be pleasing to my God. Please pray for me as I 'renew my mind in Christ' (Romans 12:2).

Father-God, turn Your searchlight on. My life needs to be under Your loving scrutiny. Examine my heart and please help me to get rid of anything You consider 'wicked.' Thank You for loving me enough to discipline me. And thank You for Your forgiveness. Amen.

*The very day that I wrote this, God gave me a wonderful opportunity to use what He has been teaching me! AND He gave me an open heart to realize that and to take advantage of the chance. I jumped on it and acted like I was supposed to!!! Our God is good and faithful. Try Him and see for yourself. J*