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2 The Latest Tool at Airports

- Full-body scanners are the latest tool in the anti-terrorist arsenal.
- You step up to a booth and in the twinkling of an eye, you're in your birthday suit.
- While officials assure us that only professionally trained experts will see the pictures, they are nevertheless very revealing.
- PURPOSE is to see if we are carrying any bombs, guns, knives, and etc., under our clothes.

3 The Secure 1000

4 The Latest Tool at Airports

- Not everyone is excited about this tool.
- The idea of some stranger seeing us that up close makes us nervous.
- The point is that we have no choice.
- If we want to fly, we may need to subject ourselves to this invasive machine.

5 Come Fly with McCowan Airlines!

6 Limits

- Even the most gregarious and outgoing among us, have limits on our personal selves.
- We regularly withhold thoughts, emotions, and details about ourselves until trust is established.
- But the full-body scanner forces itself upon us and invades our private spaces.
- The authorities say, it is for our own good.
- But wouldn't we have a better chance against evil doers.
- If we had a machine that could scan people's motives and discern their intentions?

7 The Eye of God

- The Apostle Paul tells us that Christ is the judge of the living and the dead; we are all seen through Christ's unflinching stare.
- God is looking over your shoulder. (2 Tim. 4:1, The Message)
- For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12 NIV)
- God doesn't need to judge a book by its cover because He is able to see beyond any façade we might offer.

8 The Eye of God

- We are not only receiving from God a constant full-body scan, but when we read the Bible we are receiving one as well, which for our benefit provides critical feedback on how we are doing.

- In other words, Christ sees our weaknesses, recognizes our failings and entrusts us with His most valuable gift—His word.
- In fact, it is the Scripture that gives us the power and ability to judge our own motives and the intentions of our own heart.

9 God Scans the Church

- Ephesus: I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. (Revelation 2:2 NIV)
- Smyrna: I know your afflictions and your poverty — yet you are rich! (Revelation 2:9 NIV)
- Pergamum: I know where you live — where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. (Revelation 2:13 NIV)
- Thyatira: I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. (Revelation 2:19 NIV)
- Sardis: I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. (Revelation 3:1 NIV)

10 God Scans the Church

- Philadelphia: I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. (Revelation 3:8 NIV)
- Laodicea: I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! (Revelation 3:15 NIV)
- Why should we fear God?
 - I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds (Revelation 2:23 NIV)
 - “Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. (Revelation 22:12 NIV)

11 Scan Ourselves

- When we allow the power of the Scripture to seep into our lives, we can take the words to heart and allow them to scan our own souls.
- As the Apostle Paul tells us, Scripture is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness. (2 Tim. 3:16)
- How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. . . . I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. (Psalms 119:9–11 NIV)
- But to whom shall we primarily apply God’s word? To ourselves or to others?

12 Scan Ourselves

- The Scripture can convince, rebuke, and encourage, and yet we need to be cautious with how we use it.

- We aren't supposed to aim it as a weapon against others but rather turn it first on ourselves.
- Let us first take on the log in our own eye and put ourselves under the microscope of the Word's instruction.
- But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgment. (1 Corinthians 11:31 NIV)

13 Scan Ourselves

- True or False. The Bible is primarily a book on how we can judge the motives and the intentions of other people's hearts.
 - Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:37 NIV)
 - Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. And he will stand, for the Lord is able to make him stand. (Romans 14:4 NIV)
 - Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. (1 Corinthians 4:5 NIV)

14 Lectio Divina

- When we spend time with God's Word and allow the power of God's wisdom to seep into our thoughts and reflections, we are practicing lectio divina—holy reading.
- The holy reading of God's Word should cause us to ask ourselves what is God saying and what is it saying to me.
- Is this passage calling me to action, repentance, or forgiveness?
- When we read the Bible it will help us to see ourselves in new ways and help us know how we can change and so be a blessed person who inherits His kingdom.

15 A Closed Bible

- A closed Bible has certain advantages too.
 - Use it to swear in to office the President of the United States.
 - Use it to swear to tell the truth.
 - Use it to decorate our "Coffee Table."
 - It will never challenge us, nor cause us to ask questions, nor make us think.
 - It will confirm our prejudices.
 - It will allow us to believe pretty much whatever we want to believe.

16 The Church at Corinth

- It was a church that abounded in spiritual gifts, but lacked in maturity.
- In fact, Paul says, their meetings did more harm than good.

- The reason for all of the sicknesses and premature deaths was because of all of their selfish behavior and the way they treated the body of Christ (church).
- But if they judge (scan) themselves they wouldn't fall under God's judgment anymore.

17 Keys to Revival

- Turn away from all forms of false humility and spiritual manipulation, and humble ourselves before the LORD in prayer—opening our hearts for correction and guidance.
- Use God's Word to scan our hearts and root out those attitudes and motives that are offensive to Him and destructive to our souls.
- Maybe then when we truly humble ourselves before LORD, God will lift us up and say "here am I" to our prayers.