

2. In what ways are testing yourself and being tested by God similar? In what ways are they different?

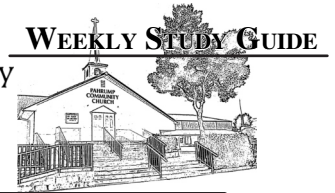
3. Every Christian should acknowledge that we are only able to pass life's tests by God's grace. What is God's part and what is your part in dealing with these tests?

4. How would you respond to a friend who says, *I don't think God is pleased with me because so many bad things have happened to me...?*

PERSONAL APPLICATION

1. You should expect to be tested and welcome it! Which concept in part II of this study is the most helpful for you right now?
2. Which practical concept do you need to work on most?

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.



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God Expects You to Pass the Tests

Introduction: 1 TIMOTHY 3:8-13

I. You should _____ to be _____.

A. Testing should _____
as a _____ to you. 1 PETER 4:12

B. God _____
for those _____. HEBREWS 12:6-7

C. _____ will be a _____ of _____
until you get "_____". 2 TIMOTHY 3:12

II. You should _____.

A. The _____ to _____ is always
_____ by _____. JAMES 1:2-4

B. Testing is _____ of _____
_____ into your life. 1 PETER 4:13-14

C. Trials can be a _____ of _____.
ROMANS 16:10; 1 THESSALONIANS 2:4

D. Testing can be a _____
of _____. 1 PETER 1:6-9

III. You should _____ to _____ the _____.

A. _____ in _____ for testing.

2 TIMOTHY 2:15

B. Regularly test _____ regarding
_____ of God's _____.

ROMANS 12:2; EPHESIANS 5:8-10; PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

C. Regularly test _____ regarding
_____ to _____.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:5; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:28

D. _____ to _____
under _____. JAMES 1:12

E. _____ trials cannot _____ you
from _____. ROMANS 8:35-39

Conclusion: God will _____ to _____ you.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:18; 1 CORINTHIANS 3:11-15

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. How might 1 PETER 2:18-24 apply to the principle of *testing* for Christians today?

2. Use 1 THESSALONIANS 3:2-8 to explain how one Christian's trials can be a source of encouragement to another Christian.

3. What important truths about testing can we learn from REVELATION 2:8-11?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can a Christian tell the difference between a trial from God and a trial from the devil? Explain and defend your answer.