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This is only a Test!

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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE TEST?

James 1:2-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

2 Consider it nothing but joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you fall into various trials. 3 Be assured that **the testing of your faith** *[through experience]* **produces endurance** *[leading to spiritual maturity, and inner peace]*. 4 And let endurance have its perfect result and do a thorough work, so that you may be perfect and completely developed *[in your faith]*, lacking in nothing.

1 Peter 1:7 Living Bible (TLB)

These trials are only to test your faith, to see whether or not it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests gold and purifies it—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold; so if your faith remains strong after being tried in the test tube of fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day of his return.

The purpose of the test is to test your FAITH!

Hebrews 11:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

By faith Abraham, **when he was tested** *[that is, as the testing of his faith was still in progress]*, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises *[of God]* was ready to sacrifice his only son *[of promise]*

The devil gives you the test but God gives you His Word to pass the test

Luke 4:1-13 The Message (MSG)

1-2 **Now Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wild. For forty wilderness days and nights he was tested by the Devil.** He ate nothing during those days, and when the time was up he was hungry. 3 **The Devil, playing on his hunger, gave the first test:** "Since you're God's Son, command this stone to turn into a loaf of bread." 4 Jesus answered by quoting Deuteronomy: "It takes more than bread to really live." 5-7 **For the second test he led him up and spread out all the kingdoms of the earth on display at once.** Then the Devil said, "They're yours in all their splendor to serve your pleasure. I'm in charge of them all and

can turn them over to whomever I wish. Worship me and they're yours, the whole works." 8 Jesus refused, again backing his refusal with Deuteronomy: "Worship the Lord your God and only the Lord your God. Serve him with absolute single-heartedness." 9-11 **For the third test the Devil took him to Jerusalem and put him on top of the Temple.** He said, "If you are God's Son, jump. It's written, isn't it, that 'he has placed you in the care of angels to protect you; they will catch you; you won't so much as stub your toe on a stone'?" 12 "Yes," said Jesus, "and it's also written, 'Don't you dare tempt the Lord your God.'" 13 **That completed the testing. The Devil retreated temporarily, lying in wait for another opportunity.**

The enemy will snatch away the Word you don't understand so you are unable to pass your test

Matthew 13:18-19 Amplified Bible (AMP)

18 "Listen then to the [meaning of the] parable of the sower: 19 **When anyone hears the word of the kingdom [regarding salvation] and does not understand and grasp it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road.

What is the big deal about my faith? Anytime you attempt to activate your faith in the Word of God, a test begins.

Hebrews 11:6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

But **without faith it is impossible to [walk with God and] please Him**, for whoever comes [near] to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He rewards those who [earnestly and diligently] seek Him.

Romans 10:17 New King James Version (NKJV)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Love - Faith - Word - Test

Galatians 5:5-6 Amplified Bible (AMP)

5 For we [not relying on the Law but] through the [strength and power of the Holy] Spirit, by faith, are waiting [confidently] for the hope of righteousness [the completion of our salvation]. 6 For [if we are] in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but only **faith activated and expressed and working through love.**

2 Corinthians 5:7 New King James Version (NKJV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 Amplified Bible (AMP)

for we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises]—

2 Corinthians 5:7 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

For we walk by faith [we regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief

respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance.

Romans 1:17 Amplified Bible (AMP)

For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed, both springing from faith and leading to faith [disclosed in a way that awakens more faith]. As it is written and forever remains written, **“The just and upright shall live by faith.”**

Habakkuk 2:4 Amplified Bible, Classic Edition (AMPC)

Look at the proud; his soul is not straight or right within him, but the [rigidly] just and the [uncompromisingly] **righteous man shall live by his faith and in his faithfulness.**

Genesis 22:1-2 Living Bible (TLB)

1 Later on, **God tested Abraham's faith and obedience.** “Abraham!” God called. “Yes, Lord?” he replied. 2 “Take with you your only son—yes, Isaac whom you love so much—and go to the land of Moriah and sacrifice him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I'll point out to you!”

James 1:12-14 New Testament for Everyone (NTE)

12 God's blessing on the man who endures testing! When he has passed the test, he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. 13 **Nobody being tested should say, ‘It's God that's testing me’,** for God cannot be tested by evil, and he himself tests nobody. 14 Rather, **each person is tested when they are dragged off and enticed by their own desires.**

- **To plan for next level positioning by passing the test**
- **To prepare for promotion in the Word**
- **To practice spiritual protocol in faith**
- **To pray to obey precepts in love**

Not only will you make through this test, you will come out with the victory !

1 Corinthians 10:12-13 The Passion Translation (TPT)

12 So beware if you think it could never happen to you, lest your pride becomes your downfall. 13 We all experience times of testing, which is normal for every human being. But God will be faithful to you. He will screen and filter the severity, nature, and timing of every test or trial you face so that you can bear it. And each test is an opportunity to trust him more, for along with every trial God has provided for you a way of escape that will bring you out of it victoriously.