

Passing the Test

Living Insight

Have you ever wondered why the Lord allows us to be tested through so many trials? We are dearly loved by our God and within that love there is desire to see us strengthened in our faith. The apostle Paul exhorted us to examine ourselves to see if we are still living in the Way faithfully. He wanted to make sure that we all pass the test. We will pass the test of faith when we study God's word daily, stay open and honest in prayer and stick with the truth. We already have all that we need for life and godliness. Let's make every effort to keep growing stronger in Christ.

Grace and Peace through our Lord Jesus,

~ Ed

Ed Wilson, Minister

2 Corinthians 13:5-10



Prayer Requests



Date: Sunday, October 26, 2014

Time: 11:00 a.m.

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I. There is a Purpose for the Test.

A. We may not welcome them right now.

1. Most students do not enjoy their exams.
2. Final exams were very distressing to me.
3. Everyone needs to be tested.

B. There is a purpose for the exam.

1. The test prepares us for life.
2. We were thankful 1 system passed the test.
3. The Emergency Broadcast System worked.

C. The Lord desires that we grow in Him.

1. We have not yet reached maturity.
~ **Ephesians 4:11-13**
2. He has given us everything we need.

II. What is our Formula for Passing the Test?

A. What advice did Paul give to us?

1. **Study** the word of God daily.
(2 Timothy 2:15)
2. **Stay** open and honest to God in prayer.
3. **Stick** with the truth. (John 17:17)

B. We must always do what is right. (13:7)

1. We will be judged based on what we do.
2. We must do what is right regardless.
~ **Luke 19:20**

3. We can never justify our bad behavior.

C. We must learn the lesson of authority.

1. The Lord gives some people some power.
2. Paul was given some authority as an apostle!
3. His authority was given to edify the church!
~ **Ephesians 4:14-16**

2 Corinthians 13:5-10

III. How Well Did You Complete the Test?

A. Have you worked for God without complaining?

1. The Lord gives us high standards.
2. **“Do everything without arguing or complaining.”** (Philippians 2:14)

B. Have you become better or bitter?

1. The test should improve us.
2. We become purer when under fire.
3. Have you passed the test?

Special Update

Be sure to join us for our Hallelujah Night
Celebration / Friday, October 31, 2014
Start Time: 6:30 p.m.

All Sunday Morning Sermons are recorded
on CD. See Lanzy Minor to request one.