

"Testing You To Know"
Practical Expressions of Genuineness
Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 20
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"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)

God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Testing To Prove Genuineness, (vs. 1 - 20)

- God's Testing Disciplines His Children With Seasons Of Abundance To Teach Stewardship, (vs. 5 - 10)

2. We must guard what God has taught us as the only way to true prosperity, (vs. 6)

6) How Do I Know That I Am Keeping God's Word?

"You Shall Keep (Perf) The Commandments"-

1) *"You shall walk in all the way that the LORD your God has commanded you, 2) that you may live, and that it may go well with you, 3) and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess." (Deuteronomy 5:33, ESV)*

6.1) Keeping Requires Submission First

"The Lord Your God"-

1) *"The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. 2) Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. 3) Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life." (John 5:22-24, ESV)*

6.2) Keeping Requires Holistic Obedience

"Walking In His Ways"-

1) *"You shall not bow down to them or serve them, 2) for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, 3) but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments." (Exodus 20:5-6, ESV)*

6.3) Keeping Requires Absolute Trust In All Things

"Fearing Him"-

1) *"The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 2) For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. 3) For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living." (Romans 14:6-9, ESV)*

1) *"Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 2) making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. 3) Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:15-17, ESV)*

- 1) We must not be complacent about our behavior.
- 2) We must actively display the mandates of God's word as a testimony.
- 3) We must understand and apply what God has revealed His will to be.

How have you been inattentive to the treasure of God's word?

3. We must trust that God is the One who will preserve to the end what He has promised, (vs. 7)
4. We must accept the goodness of God as His provision leading to faithfulness unto His instruction, (vs. 8)
5. We must undertake the responsibility to complete the work God has set before us, (vs. 9)
6. We must continually declare God's goodness unto His people before the world, (vs. 10)

- God's Testing Serves To Confirm His Covenantal Promises To Those Who Love Him, (vs. 11 - 20)

1. God's children must guard against forgetting what God has taught them, (vs. 11)
2. God's children must guard against trusting in their own accomplishments, (vs. 12)
3. God's children must guard against boasting in their own success, (vs. 13 - 14)
4. God's children must guard against rewriting the past to highlight their own progress, (vs. 15)
5. God's children must guard against claiming God's wisdom as their own, (vs. 16)
6. God's children must guard against stealing God's glory and making it theirs, (vs. 17 - 18)
7. God's children must guard against worshiping themselves instead of worshiping God, (vs. 19)
8. God's children must guard against disobeying God as those who do not know God do, (vs. 20)