



“THE LORD TESTS”
PROVERBS 17:3

TOOLS FOR TESTING

TRUST

“The LORD tests” — Proverbs 16:32-17:14

Trust that God is using every test to refine us,
reform us and reveal the truth to us.

THE PROMISES OF GOD

A Test of Sacrifice — Genesis 22:1-19

“He refused to allow any distrust of a definite pronouncement of God to make him waver.”

—Romans 4:20 (J.B. Phillips Translation)

REMEMBRANCE

A Test of Remembrance — Deuteronomy 8:1-20

Remembrance is essential for enduring the exam
... forgetfulness guarantees we will fail.

OBEDIENCE

A Test of Obedience — Judges 2:6-23

God tests our obedience to increase our obedience. The tool and the test are the same thing. God gives grace when we fail...
God's grace should lead us to obey.

REPENTANCE

A Test of Integrity — 2 Chronicles 32:2-31

We repent when we turn from our own thoughts and self-rule to align our thoughts and heart with God's thoughts and heart. When we make that turn toward Him, our behaviors follow His thoughts and heart.

HOPE

A Test of Trust — Job 1:6-2:10, 13:15

Hope is waiting for God to do what is right,
especially in times when all we see is
what is wrong.

WORSHIPING TOGETHER

A Test of Perspective — Psalm 66

The psalmist calls the tested to worship together.

YOUR NEIGHBOR

A Test of Vulnerability — 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

God has placed His Treasure in us as jars of clay.
What neighbors has God placed in your path who
are watching the way you trust in God?

TRAIN WITH THE TRUTH

When Jesus is Tested (Part I) — Matthew 4:1-11

Deeply engaging with the truth of
God's Word enables us to move
faithfully through times of testing.

GENTLENESS

When Jesus is Tested (Part II) — John 8:2-11

The gentleness of Jesus disarms the
dangerous and comforts the accused.

THE FACE OF CHRIST

A Test of Forgiveness — 2 Corinthians 2:1-11

Stare at the face of Christ — look at him hanging
on the cross when he said, "Father, forgive them
for they know not what they do."

PERSPECTIVE

Test Results — James 1:1-8

The tests we face are growing our perseverance,
our maturity, and our faith. God promises to
give us the wisdom we need to see this and
believe this in the midst of the test.