



Evening Bible Study – 6:30p.m. – Wednesday, March 8, 2023

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FACTS ABOUT TESTS IN OUR LIVES

Introduction – When faced with situations that evaluate our faith in God: many times, our initial prayer is for God to deliver us from the situations. Some of us, beg God constantly to deliver us from the unpleasant circumstances that we are dealing with. Why does God allow us to go through trying situations? ONE REASON IS BECAUSE GOD IS TRANSFORMING US INTO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST!!! Another reason could be that we are reaping what we have sown in our lives or in the lives of others. Life's test helps us to recognize that God is faithful, and tests helps to develop our spiritual muscles. Tests also helps us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. They also bring about sanctification, which means to be set apart for God to use us mightily to His glory. Sam Young, Jr. once said that "tests should bring out the best in us. If we trust God during the test, we will make it through the test!!!"

1. Tests expose what is in us and where our trust lies. Be faithful to God in the midst of the test.
2. God will use people or situations to grow us up in Him by testing our faith. Sam Young, Jr. once said "a faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted."
3. If we are not learning the lesson that God wants us to learn, He will allow us to re-take the test.
4. Tests are not given to harm us, but to sanctify us so that we will become more like Jesus Christ.
5. Tests reveals our weaknesses. Therefore, we must seek God to learn how to overcome the weaknesses we have in our lives.
6. We cannot pass tests in our strength. We pass them by relying on God's strength and walking in obedience to God's instructions.
7. When God places us in difficult situations, we must not run back to old habits and mindsets. We must rely on God for guidance.

Conclusion – Sam Young, Jr. says "A Faith that cannot be tested cannot be trusted." In order to pass spiritual tests, trust God and be obedient to His Word. Is this always easy to do? Maybe not, if we are leaning to the flesh. However, with God all things are possible. God gives us the wisdom, knowledge and understanding to pass each test by giving us the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us. We must spend time with God daily, read the Scriptures that are able to make us wise, be obedient to God's commands and follow the Holy Spirit's promptings. Remember, we are overcomers; no longer a slave to sin but set free in Christ Jesus – *Romans 6:22*.

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LAGNIAPPE TO PASS GOD'S TESTS

How can we pass God's tests?

We must expect the tests. We must understand God has already prepared us for the tests. We must understand tests often seem illogical. We must understand tests often involve our greatest good. We must practice immediate obedience during the tests. We must have the right attitude toward the tests. We must have faith in God that He will deliver when we go through the tests. We must depend on others to pray for us during the tests. We must understand God's purpose of revealing more of Himself to us during the tests. We must focus on God's reward in the midst of the tests.

Sam Young, Jr. believes that test only brings us closer to God. But if you know God and are sure that you know Him---you will pass the test.