

Sunday, 03-10-2024

2024 Spring Quarter  
Unit I: Faith-FULL versus Faith-LESS

Lesson 2: Testing Our Faith  
Bible Background: 2 Corinthians 13:1-11  
Printed Text: 2 Corinthians 13:5-11 KJV/NIV  
Devotional Reading: Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24

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**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, help us to be honest with ourselves as we carry out Your directive regarding self-examination. Strengthen us for the task of correcting whatever is wrong in those areas of our living that need correction. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

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**Exposition and Application of the Scripture: – Testing Our Faith – 2 Corinthians 13:5-11**

**A. Examine. Test. Which One? (vv. 5-6) – pp. 254-255**

- What's the difference between “*examinations*” and “*tests*”? – 1 Corinthians 11:28; Galatians 6:4-10
- How often should I have a spiritual check-up/test? – **Wed: God Has Searched and Known Us – Psalm 139:1-12**
- How do I “*live in faith*”? – **Sat: Strength through Christ Alone – 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; James 2:14-26**
- What's the nature of my prayer life/Bible reading/study? – **Thu: God Knows All Things – Psalm 139:13-18, 23-24 (Devotional Reading); 1 Timothy 4:9-16**
- Can I tell the difference between a true believer and an imposter? – **Matthew 15:1-20**

**B. It Is “about You,” Too! (v. 7) – pp. 255-256**

- Can others see the Jesus in me? If not, WHY? – **Philippians 2:1-11; 1 Peter 5:6-11**
- Do I come to church to be seen by others? – **Matthew 6:5, 23:5-7; Luke 18:9-14**
- What does it mean “*to be in the world and not of the world*”? – **Matthew 28:19-20**
- How has God turned my failure(s) into success?

**C. You Want to Know Why? (vv. 8-10) – pp. 256-257**

- Do I argue against the truth?
- Do I challenge those who are appointed over me in the Lord? – **1 Thessalonians 5:12-28**
- Can I approach a tough situation in a positive manner? If not, WHY? – **Tue: The Sources of Temptation – James 1:13-18**
- Why does “*power and authority*” go together?
- How do I interact with the baby Christians? – **2 Corinthians 5:17-21; 2 Peter 3:8-18**

**D. Finally, Rejoice! (v. 11) – pp. 257-258**

- Can I find joy regardless of circumstance? If not, WHY? – **Mon: The Testing of Faith Produces Endurance – James 1:2-12**
- Can I have peace with God, but be in turmoil with others? – **Fri: God's People Boast in Weakness – 2 Corinthians 11:22-33**
- What are two (2) of God's virtues that I must demonstrate to reflect He's with me?