

Refined By Fire

I Peter 1:3-9 (Page 1845 or 1886)

I. Peter's Words On Testing:

- A. **Testing** can bring **glory** to ____.
- B. **Testing** is similar to **refining** ____.
1. It _____ away **impurities**.
 2. **Prov 17:3** The _____ tests our hearts.
 3. His **purpose** is to **purify**, ____ **destroy**.



II. Preparing For God's Tests:

- A. We must **submit** to **instruction**.
1. Attend **Sunday School** and _____ **Study**.
 2. **Daily devotions** and _____ **worship**.
 3. **Learn** from _____!
- B. **God's tests** are all _____ **book!**
1. We must **study** the _____ **ahead of time**.
 2. We **must know** _____ to **look**.



III. Work Together!

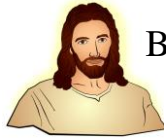
- A. **God** puts us in **families** and _____.
- B. We are to _____ **each other!**
- C. The **Christian life** is a _____ **event!**
- D. **I Cor 10:13** _____ than we can **bear**.
1. **This verse** is about **temptation**, ____ **testing**.
 2. **Others** have faced **everything** we will _____.
 3. **James 1:13** **God** does ____ **tempt** anyone.
 4. **God does** put **more** on us than we can **bear** _____.
- E. We need **God's help** and **each** _____'s **help**.



IV. We Should Test Ourselves:

- A. **Gal 6:4** We should _____ **our own actions**.
1. **Compare ourselves** to _____.





2. Compare ourselves to God's _____.
- B. **2 Cor 13:5-8** Examine and _____ yourselves.
 1. Jesus is _____ us!
 2. Rely on _____!
- C. Tests we don't recognize:
 1. **Prov 27:21** We are tested by _____.
 2. **Prov 16:18** Pride goes before a _____.
 3. Can we pass tests of success and prosperity? _____
 4. We must be faithful with much or _____.

V. Where Do Tests Come From?

- A. Sometimes from God as with _____.
- B. God _____ things into our lives.
- C. Not everything is a _____.
- D. It does _____ matter if it's a test or not.
- E. What matters is how we _____.



VI. Testing God:



- A. **Num 21** We test _____ when we complain.
- B. **Mal 3:10** We should test _____ with our tithing.

VII. The Purposes Of Testing:

- A. So our _____ may be proved genuine
- B. So _____ will be praised.
- C. **Jms 1** Testing _____ perseverance and maturity.
- D. _____ wants to develop our best.
- E. He is looking for His reflection in _____.
- F. **Ps 139:23-24** Search and _____ me, O God.
- G. **Job 23:10** I will come forth as _____.
- H. **James 1:12** We can receive the _____ of life!



Verse To Remember: The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the Lord tests the heart.

Proverbs 17:3