

“Patiently Enduring Testing”

Part II

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.
If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which
God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through
Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion
forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:11 (NKJV)

12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you;

13 but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

1 Peter 4:12-13 (NKJV)

He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:32 (NKJV)

**Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
But the Lord delivers him out of them all.**

Psalm 34:19 (NKJV)

Selfless-Test

The Selfless Test gives believers an opportunity to look into the mirror of love and determine how they rate in comparison to Jesus, who is love personified.

Love is not selfish or self-personification.

Selfish

concerned with your own interests,
needs, and wishes while ignoring those of others.

The Selfless-Test is Denying Self

23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

24 For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Luke 9:23-24 (NKJV)

As we mature spiritually, we grow in love; and as we grow in love,
we grow in spiritual maturity,
which is why love is the key to passing
“The Self-Less Test”.

The Selfless-Test is the
“Love Test”.

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

8 He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

9 In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him.

1 John 4:7-9, (NKJV)

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; now that I have become a man, I am done with childish ways and have put them aside.

1 Corinthians 13:11 (AMP)

Our Christian walk must be marked by a greater concern for others than ourselves.

Every day that we spend mired in self-centeredness, is another day we miss out on the benefits of our spiritual inheritance.

17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is

written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.

Romans 12:17-19, (NKJV)

20 Therefore

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him a drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:20-21, (NKJV)

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:9-10, (KJV)