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Sunday, August 25, 2013

“TEN TESTS OF GENUINE FAITH”

(1 John 1-5)

The beginning of a new school year is a good time for all of us to “begin again” and set some new goals. Today we will walk through a series of tests from 1 John. Tests help us evaluate where we are and where we need to grow.

“Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith” (2 Corinthians 13:5. NLT).

1. **The Test of _____**: *Is my conscience sensitive to sin? (1 John 1:5-10)*

2. **The Test of _____**: *How obedient am I to God’s Word? (1 John 2:3-6)*

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15, ESV).

3. **The Test of _____**: *Where do my affections lie? (1 John 2:15-17)*

4. **The Test of _____**: *Deep down, do I long to see Jesus? (1 John 3:1-3)*

5. **The Test of _____**: *Am I progressing away from sin toward holiness, or am I still in bondage? (1 John 3:7-10)*

6. **The Test of _____**: *Do I love other believers and long to be with them? (1 John 4:7-12)*

7. **The Test of _____**: *Does God answer my prayers? (1 John 3:21-22)*

8. **The Test of _____**: *Do I experience the power of the Spirit in my life? (1 John 4:13)*

9. **The Test of _____**: *Have I ever suffered because of my testimony for Christ?* (1 John 3:10-13)

10. **The Test of _____**: *Do I have Jesus Christ as my own?* (1 John 5:10-12)

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me” (John 14:6, NASB).

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“Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1, NIV).

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“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness’” (Matthew 7:21-23, NASB).

1. **The Test of Conscience**: *Is my conscience sensitive to sin?* (1 John 1:5-10)

2. **The Test of Obedience**: *How obedient am I to God’s Word?* (1 John 2:3-6)

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments” (John 14:15, ESV).

3. **The Test of Worldliness**: *Where do my affections lie?* (1 John 2:15-17)

4. **The Test of Anticipation**: *Deep down, do I long to see Jesus?* (1 John 3:1-3)

5. **The Test of Holiness**: *Am I progressing away from sin toward holiness, or am I still in bondage?* (1 John 3:7-10)

6. **The Test of Love**: *Do I love other believers and long to be with them?* (1 John 4:7-12)

7. **The Test of Prayer**: *Does God answer my prayers?* (1 John 3:21-22)

8. **The Test of the Holy Spirit**: *Do I experience the power of the Spirit in my life?* (1 John 4:13)

9. **The Test of Persecution**: *Have I ever suffered because of my testimony for Christ?* (1 John 3:10-13)

10. **The Test of Confessing Christ**: *Do I have Jesus Christ as my own?* (1 John 5:10-12)

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