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A STUDY OF THE LIFE OF JOSEPH

Those Who Pass this Test: Are Satisfied in Christ

Those Who Fail this Test: Are Dissatisfied in Circumstances

3. The Test of _____

Luke 16:10

¹⁰ He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.

A. Joseph never _____ his beliefs

John 13:15

¹⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him.

Psalms 62:7-8

⁷ In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. ⁸ Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. Selah.

B. Joseph never _____ to his surroundings

Romans 12:2

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 6:17

¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

C. Joseph remained _____ in his walk with God

Those Who Pass this Test: Are blessed with intimacy in marriage

Those Who Fail this Test: Are burdened with the consequences of sin

Conclusion: _____

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PASSING THE TEST

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GENESIS 39:1-6

¹ And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmeelites, which had brought him down thither. ² And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. ³ And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand. ⁴ And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. ⁵ And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had in the house, and in the field. ⁶ And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favoured.

Introduction: _____

James 1:3

³ Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

2 Chronicles 32:30-31

³⁰ This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper watercourse of Gihon, and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works.³¹ Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to enquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.

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Deuteronomy 13:3

³ *Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*

Romans 8:28

²⁸ *And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

1. The Test of _____

A. Adversity can come _____

Proverbs 3:5-6

⁵ *Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. ⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

B. Adversity can _____ reality

Lamentations 3:21-25

²¹ *This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. ²² It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. ²³ They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. ²⁴ The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him. ²⁵ The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.*

Psalms 100:5

⁵ *For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.*

Jeremiah 29:11

⁵ *For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*

John 1:12-13

¹² *But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

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C. Adversity creates _____

Jeremiah 32:27

²⁷ *Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*

1 Thessalonians 5:24

²⁴ *Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.*

Those Who Pass this Test: Experience God's provision

Those Who Fail this Test: Become bitter and angry

2. The Test of _____

1 Timothy 6:17

¹⁷ *Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy;*

A. God's blessing is _____

by our by our obedience, not our circumstances

Psalms 1:3

³ *And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.*

B. Promotions result from our _____ and excellence

Philippians 3:13-14

¹³ *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴ I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*

Colossians 3:23-24

²³ *And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; ²⁴ Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.*