

A Test for Ministry Preparation

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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All of us undergo trials and testing as we work on our respective Ministries. We can endure these sufferings through God-given faith, patience, and wisdom; and, as we serve and follow the Lord, we will be rewarded.

We must fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith (Heb. 12:2). We also must consider it pure joy, whenever we face trials of many kinds, because the testing of our faith produces perseverance (Jas. 1:2-3).

Always remember that blessed is the one who perseveres in trials; and, when life gives us lemons, we must make lemonade. Though we will always go through testing of various kinds, with God, we can turn them into triumphs and become victors, not victims.

Satan will always viciously attack all who were called and set apart to carry out God's purpose. Satan can attack us in different ways, including our health, for without a healthy body, we cannot fulfill God's purpose.

When Satan attacks, remember the following counterattacks:

- Be sincere
- Be steadfast in God
- Be able to accept whatever befalls you
- Be patient
- Be humble

If we think that we cannot be tempted, then we might have already fallen into Satan's trap. Remember that while the Lord came so that we might have life, and have it to the full, the thief, Satan, came only to steal, kill, and destroy (Jn. 10:10).

Satan always deceives us by telling us that everything can be too overwhelming and if we give

in, we lose. Victory comes through faith in Christ. We gain spiritual victory when we triumph.

Aspects and Essentials to Victory

- Joyful attitude. When the enemy sees that we are happy he wants to drag us down; we must stand our ground against oppression and be joyful. Happiness is a choice; attitude is key. Even when we undergo problems, we must still be happy in God, the source of our joy.
- Testing of Faith. Just as gold is tested by fire, our faith is always tested through fiery trials in order to be found pure. Trials make people strong. Remember, endurance is gained through experience. Instead of worrying, be happy and believe that God will take care of our needs.
- Faith, Patience, & Wisdom. We need to have faith and patience, along with wisdom, which will guide us to the right direction.

When we persevere until the end of all our trials, we will receive our reward; for God rewards those who decide to keep following and trusting Him instead of giving in to the Devil.

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