

# It's a Test!

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1. Surrender the throne
2. Submit to the king
3. Serve the Savior

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## I. Testing Trials: The challenges of life that test our faith

1. These trials give evidence of who is on the throne of our life
2. Our responses to these trials point to who or what we trust.
3. We must remain steadfast, endure the trial, pass the test
4. The reward is the blessing of the Crown of life

## II. Tempting Trials: The trials that lure us to sin.

1. Tempting trials do not come from God
2. They originate from desires
  - We have the battles of the flesh
  - We have the influence of the world
  - We have the attack of the devil
3. We are lured and enticed
4. Desire conceives and then sin is birthed

How is this even possible to pass this test?

## I. Be Teachable

1. Be quick to hear
2. Be slow to speak
3. Be slow to anger

## II. Be Obedient

1. If you hear and ignore it you will be deceived
2. If you hear and obey you will be blessed

Embrace the challenge! Pass the test! Count it all joy!

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