

Abiding in the Word

The Book of I Thessalonians

Part #6

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God Tested for His Authenticity; Being a Message of His Transformation

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT

Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ. Let nothing in your conduct hang on whether I come or not. Your conduct must be the same whether I show up to see things for myself or hear of it from a distance... Stand united, singular in vision, contending for people's trust in the Message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition.

MEMORY VERSE

Phil 1:27-28 *Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ... Stand united, singular in vision, contending for people's trust in the Message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition. (MSG)*

ABIDING IN THE WORD

Monday	July 27	II Chron 31	Psalm 60	Luke 18:1-7
Tuesday	July 28	Hosea 1	Psalm 61	Luke 18:8-14
Wednesday	July 29	Hosea 2	Psalm 62	Matt. 19:1-15
Thursday	July 30	Hosea 3	Psalm 63	Matt. 19:16-30
Friday	July 31	Hosea 4	Psalm 64	Mark 10:1-16
Saturday	August 1	Hosea 5	Psalm 65	Mark 10:17-31
Sunday	August 2	Hosea 6	Psalm 66:1-12	Mark 10:32-45

Wednesday Night: **Hosea 4**

NOTE: Hosea 4 shows the net result of lives that carry a message that discredits the Lord. Their actions are emblematic of the current culture of Christian Consumerism within the Church writ large. So - Called - Believers are driven by the emotion of wanting rather than the operation of willing . . .

Prov 29:18 *Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God]. (AMPC)*

I John 2:15-17 *Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.*

1. Which scriptures “ENCOURAGED YOU” to be God Tested as His Authentic Transformation; A Message of His Willing Acceptance?

2. Which scriptures “CHALLENGED YOU” to be God Tested as His Authentic Transformation; A Message of His Repentative Expectance?

Intercede for Others with the Weekly Assignment

Phil 1:27-38 Meanwhile, live in such a way that you are a credit to the Message of Christ. Stand united, singular in vision, contending for people's trust in the Message, the good news, not flinching or dodging in the slightest before the opposition. (MSG)

I. Pray that we would Be "ENCOURAGED", as We're God Tested as His Authentic Transformation; A Message of His Willing Acceptance . . .

Prov 29:18 Where there is no vision [no revelation of God and His word], the people are unrestrained; But happy and blessed is he who keeps the law [of God]. (AMPC)

II Cor 3:2-5 You are our letter, every word burned onto our hearts to be read by everyone. You are the living letter of the Anointed One, the Liberating King, nurtured by us and inscribed, not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God—a letter too passionate to be chiseled onto stone tablets, but emblazoned upon the human heart. This is the kind of confidence we have in and through the Anointed toward our God. Don't be mistaken; in and of ourselves we know we have little to offer, but any competence or value we have comes from God. (VOICE)

II Cor 5:20 So we are messengers for Christ. God is using us to call people. So we are standing here for Christ and begging people, 'Come back to God!' (WE)

I Thess 1:9 You're the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. (MSG)

Matt 10:40-41 "We are intimately linked in this harvest work. Anyone who accepts what you do, accepts me, the One who sent you. Anyone who accepts what I do accepts my Father, who sent me. Accepting a messenger of God is as good as being God's messenger. Accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help. (MSG)

Luke 10:16 Jesus then said to his disciples, 'Whoever listens to you is also listening to me. Whoever does not accept you does not accept me. And whoever does not accept me does not accept my Father God, who sent me.' (EASY)

Rom 10:13-17 'And it's true: "Everyone who calls on the Lord's name will experience new life." But how can people call on him for help if they've not yet believed? And how can they believe in one they've not yet heard of? And how can they hear the message of life if there is no one there to proclaim it? And how can the message be proclaimed if messengers have yet to be sent? That's why the Scriptures say: How welcome is the arrival of those proclaiming the joyful news of peace and of good things to come! But not everyone welcomes the good news, as Isaiah said: Lord, is there anyone who hears and believes our message? Faith, then, is birthed in a heart that responds to God's anointed utterance of the Anointed One.' (TPT)

Phil 4:4-5 Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, revel in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute! (MSG)

I Pt 5:6 'If you bow low in God's awesome presence, he will eventually exalt you as you leave the timing in his hands.' (TPT)

Phil 3:17-19 Stick with me, friends. Keep track of those you see running this same course, headed for this same goal. There are many out there taking other paths, choosing other goals, and trying to get you to go along with them. I've warned you of them many times; sadly, I'm having to do it again. All they want is easy street. They hate Christ's Cross. But easy street is a dead-end street. Those who live there make their bellies their gods; belches are their praise; all they can think of is their appetites. (MSG)

Heb 10:24-25 'Discover creative ways to encourage others and to motivate them toward acts of compassion, doing beautiful works as expressions of love. This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing. In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.' (TPT)

2. Pray that we would Be "CHALLENGED", as We're God Tested as His Authentic Transformation; A Message of His Repentative Expectance . . .

Rom 12:2 Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it (MSG)

Phil 2:14-15 Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. (MSG)

I Thess 1:10 They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

Acts 11:18 'When they heard this, their objections were put to rest and they all glorified God, saying, "Look what God has done! He's giving the gift of repentance that leads to life to people who aren't even Jews.'" (TPT)

II Tim 2:24-26 Run away from childish indulgence. Run after mature righteousness—faith, love, peace—joining those who are in honest and serious prayer before God. Refuse to get involved in inane discussions; they always end up in fights. God's servant must not be argumentative, but a gentle listener and a teacher who keeps cool, working firmly but patiently with those who refuse to obey. You never know how or when God might sober them up with a change of heart and a turning to the truth, enabling them to escape the Devil's trap, where they are caught and held captive, forced to run his errands. (MSG)

Rom 2:4 Or are you [so blind as to] trifle with and presume upon and despise and underestimate the wealth of His kindness and forbearance and long-suffering patience? Are you unmindful or actually ignorant [of the fact] that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repent (to change your mind and inner man to accept God's will)? (AMPC)

II Cor 5:17 'Now, if anyone is enfolded into Christ, he has become an entirely new person. All that is related to the old order has vanished. Behold, everything is fresh and new.' (TPT)

II PT 3:12-13 Since everything here today might well be gone tomorrow, do you see how essential it is to live a holy life? Daily expect the Day of God, eager for its arrival. The galaxies will burn up and the elements melt down that day—but we'll hardly notice. We'll be looking the other way, ready for the promised new heavens and the promised new earth, all landscaped with righteousness. (MSG)

Heb 9:27-28 Just as mortals are appointed to die once and then to experience a judgment, so the Anointed One, our Liberating King, was offered once in death to bear the sins of many and will appear a second time, not to deal again with sin, but to rescue those who eagerly await His return. (VOICE)

I Pt 1:3-5 What a God we have! And how fortunate we are to have him, this Father of our Master Jesus! Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we've been given a brand-new life and have everything to live for, including a future in heaven—and the future starts now! God is keeping careful watch over us and the future. The Day is coming when you'll have it all—life healed and whole. (MSG)

II Tim 4:7-8 I have done my best in the race, I have run the full distance, and I have kept the faith. And now there is waiting for me the victory prize of being put right with God, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that Day—and not only to me, but to all those who wait with love for him to appear. (GNT)

Rom 12:1-2 "Beloved friends, what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies? To surrender yourselves to God to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart. For this becomes your genuine expression of worship. Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you, but be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think. This will empower you to discern God's will as you live a beautiful life, satisfying and perfect in his eyes.' (TPT)

James 4:8, 10 'Move your heart closer and closer to God, and he will come even closer to you. But make sure you cleanse your life, you sinners, and keep your heart pure and stop doubting. Be willing to be made low before the Lord and he will exalt you!' (TPT)

Psalms 51:10, 12 'Keep creating in me a clean heart. Fill me with pure thoughts and holy desires, ready to please you. Let my passion for life be restored, tasting joy in every breakthrough you bring to me. Hold me close to you with a willing spirit that obeys whatever you say.' (TPT)

Neh 8:10b This day is special. It is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve over your past mistakes. Let the Eternal's own joy be your protection! (VOICE)