

A b i d i n g i n t h e W o r d

The Book of I Thessalonians

Part #8

August 9 - 16, 2026

God Tested For His Authenticity; Qualified To Be His Messengers

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT

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MEMORY VERSE

ABIDING IN THE WORD

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Monday	August 10	Hosea 14	Psalm 69:22-36	Luke 19:1-27
Tuesday	August 11	Isaiah 28	Psalm 70	Luke 19:28-48
Wednesday	August 12	Isaiah 29	Psalm 71:1-13	Mark 11:1-14
Thursday	August 13	Isaiah 30	Psalm 71:14-24	Mark 11:15-33
Friday	August 14	Isaiah 31	Psalm 72:1-11	John 12:1-22
Saturday	August 15	Isaiah 32	Psalm 72:12-20	John 12:23-50
Sunday	August 16	Isaiah 33	Psalm 73:1-14	Matt 22:1-33

Wednesday Night: Psalm 71

NOTE: One of the greatest things about being Qualified is it gives you access. Psalm 71 represents the privilege of making requests you know the Lord is not only willing to listen, but willing to help. The freedom to come before His presence and ask, says everything that is needed to be said about ourselves . . .

Heb 4:14-16 *Now that we know what we have—Jesus, this great High Priest with ready access to God—let’s not let it slip through our fingers. We don’t have a priest who is out of touch with our reality. He’s been through weakness and testing, experienced it all—all but the sin. So let’s walk right up to him and get what he is so ready to give. Take the mercy, accept the help. (MSG)*

1. Which scriptures “ENCOURAGED YOU” to be God Tested as His Messengers; Qualified by His Infallibility?

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2. Which scriptures “CHALLENGED YOU” to be God Tested as His Messengers; Qualified by His Credible Dependability?

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Intercede for Others with the Weekly Assignment

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1. Pray that we would Be “ENCOURAGED”, as We're God Tested as His Messengers; Qualified by His Infallibility . . .

Col 1:10 *walk in a manner worthy of the Lord [displaying admirable character, moral courage, and personal integrity], to [fully] please Him in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God [with deeper faith, clearer insight and fervent love for His precepts]; (AMP)*

I Thess 2:5 *We never used words to butter you up. No one knows that better than you. And God knows we never used words as a smoke screen to take advantage of you.*

Cal 1:10-12 *Do you think I speak this strongly in order to manipulate crowds? Or court favor with God? Or get popular applause? If my goal was popularity, I wouldn't bother being Christ's slave. Know this—I am most emphatic here, friends—this great Message I delivered to you is not mere human optimism. I didn't receive it through the traditions, and I wasn't taught it in some school. I got it straight from God, received the Message directly from Jesus Christ. (MSG)*

Psalms 17:3 *You have searched me—my heart and soul—awakened me from dreaming and tested me. You've found nothing against me. I have resolved not to sin in what I say. I will press on—moving steadfastly forward along Your path. I will not look back. I will not stumble. (VOICE)*

Gal 1:20 *(You can be certain that what I am offering you is an authentic account. Before God, it's the whole truth—I wouldn't lie.) (VOICE)*

I Cor 4:1-5 *'So then you must perceive us—not as leaders of factions, but as servants of the Anointed One, those who have been entrusted with God's mysteries. The most important quality of one entrusted with such secrets is that they are faithful and trustworthy. But personally, I'm not the least bit concerned if I'm judged by you or any verdict I receive from any human court. In fact, I don't even assume to be my own judge, even though my conscience is clear. But that doesn't mean I stand acquitted before the Lord, for the only judge I care about is him! So, resist the temptation to pronounce premature judgment on anything before the appointed time when all will be fully revealed. Instead, wait until the Lord makes his appearance, for he will bring all that is hidden in darkness to light and unveil every secret motive of everyone's heart. Then, when the whole truth is known, each will receive praise from God. ' (TPT)*

Titus 1:15-16 *Listen: to those who are pure, all things are pure. But to those who are tainted, stained, and unbelieving, nothing is pure because their minds and their consciences are polluted. They claim, “I know God,” but their actions are a slap to His face. They are wretched, disobedient, and useless to any worthwhile cause. (VOICE)*

James 1:22 *Put the word into action. If you think hearing is what matters most, you are going to find you have been deceived. (VOICE)*

Col 3:17 *Whatever you do [no matter what it is] in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus [and in dependence on Him], giving thanks to God the Father through Him. (AMP)*

Matt 3:8 *So produce fruit that is consistent with repentance [demonstrating new behavior that proves a change of heart, and a conscious decision to turn away from sin]; (AMP)*

I Tim 6:12 *Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses. (AMP)*

2. Pray that we would Be “CHALLENGED”, as We're God Tested as His Messengers; Qualified by His Credible Dependability . . .

I Thess 2:3 *God tested us thoroughly to make sure we were qualified to be trusted with this Message. Be assured that when we speak to you, we're not after crowd approval—only God approval. (MSG)*

I Thess 2:4 *Since we've been put through that battery of tests, you're guaranteed that both we and the Message are free of error, mixed motives, or hidden agendas. (MSG)*

II Cor 4:1-2 *Since God has so generously let us in on what he is doing, we're not about to throw up our hands and walk off the job just because we run into occasional hard times. We refuse to wear masks and play games. We don't maneuver and manipulate behind the scenes. And we don't twist God's Word to suit ourselves. Rather, we keep everything we do and say out in the open, the whole truth on display, so that those who want to can see and judge for themselves in the presence of God. (MSG)*

II Cor 2:14-17 *'God always makes his grace visible in Christ, who includes us as partners of his endless triumph. Through our yielded lives he spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of God everywhere we go. We have become the unmistakable aroma of the victory of the Anointed One to God—a perfume of life to those being saved and the odor of death to those who are perishing. The unbelievers smell a deadly stench that leads to death, but believers smell the life-giving aroma that leads to abundant life. And who of us can rise to this challenge? For unlike so many, we are not peddlers of God's Word who water down the message. We are those sent from God with pure motives, who speak in the sight of God from our union with Christ.'*

II Cor 5:17 *'Again, I urge you, make room for us in your hearts, for we have wronged no one, corrupted no one, and taken advantage of no one.'*

II Cor 5:11-12 *'Since we are those who stand in holy awe of the Lord, we make it our passion to persuade others to turn to him. We know that our lives are transparent before the God who knows us fully, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. Again, we are not taking an opportunity to brag, but giving you information that will enable you to be proud of us, and to answer those who esteem outward appearances while overlooking what is in the heart.' (TPT)*

II Cor 4:2, 5 *'We reject every shameful cover-up and refuse to resort to cunning trickery or distorting the Word of God. Instead, we open up our souls to you by presenting the truth to everyone's conscience in the sight and presence of God. We don't preach ourselves, but rather the lordship of Jesus Christ, for we are your servants for Jesus' sake. ' (TPT)*

II Cor 6:4-7 *But as God's servants, we commend ourselves in every situation. So that with great endurance we persevere even in anguish and hardship. We have been cornered by the enemy suffering beatings, imprisonments, uproars, toil, sleeplessness, and starvation. And by the Holy Spirit with purity, understanding, patience, kindness, and sincerest love we have proved ourselves. Now with the voice of truth and power of God—armed on the right and armed on the left with righteousness from God—we continue. (VOICE)*

Eph 3:20 *Now glory be to God, who by his mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of—infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes. (TLB)*

II Cor 13:5-6 *Test yourselves to make sure you are solid in the faith. Don't drift along taking everything for granted. Give yourselves regular checkups. You need firsthand evidence, not mere hearsay, that Jesus Christ is in you. Test it out. If you fail the test, do something about it. (MSG)*

John 15:5-6 *“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can't produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. (MSG)*

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)*

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)*

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)*