

Abiding in the Word

The Book of I Thessalonians

Part #11

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God Tested For His Authenticity; Bringing Joy to Our Authoritative Father

WEEKLY ASSIGNMENT

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MEMORY VERSE

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ABIDING IN THE WORD

Monday	August 31	Isaiah 48	Psalm 81	Matt. 25:14-30
Tuesday	September 1	II Kings 18	Prov. 10:1-11	Matt. 25:31-46
Wednesday	September 2	II Kings 19	Prov. 10:12-21	John 13:1-20
Thursday	September 3	Isaiah 49	Prov. 10:22-32	John 13:21-38
Friday	September 4	Isaiah 50	Prov. 11:1-8	Matt. 26:1-16
Saturday	September 5	Isaiah 51	Prov. 11:9-16	Mark 14:1-11
Sunday	September 6	Isaiah 52	Prov. 11:17-24	Luke 22:1-6

Wednesday Night: **Prov 10:1-21**

NOTE: Prov 10 demonstrates a stark contrast between those who are bringing Joy to their Authoritative Father and those who bring Contempt. It's a struggle not to fall into the camp of contemptuous fools. We need the grace and truth of God's Word, the wisdom and discernment of the Holy Spirit, and the continual pleading, prodding and pressing of the Church if we are to joyously embrace His Authority . . .

Jude 1:22-23 *But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life! Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. Go after those who take the wrong way. Be tender with sinners, but not soft on sin; do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives. (MSG/NLT)*

1. Which scriptures "ENCOURAGED YOU" to be God Tested for His Authentic Authority; Brining Joy in His Pleading and Prodding?

2. Which scriptures "CHALLENGED YOU" to be God Tested for His Authentic Authority; Brining Joy in His Pressing?

Intercede for Others with the Weekly Assignment

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I. Pray that we would Be “ENCOURAGED”, as We’re God Tested for His Authentic Authority; Brining Joy in His Pleading and Prodding . . .

II Chron 15:7 *But you, who are devoted to being with God and searching for God, be strong and do not lose courage because your actions will reap rewards.* (VOICE)

I Cor 4:14-16 *I’m not writing all this as a neighborhood scold to shame you. I’m writing as a father to you, my children. I love you and want you to grow up well, not spoiled. There are a lot of people around who can’t wait to tell you what you’ve done wrong, but there aren’t many fathers willing to take the time and effort to help you grow up. It was as Jesus helped me proclaim God’s Message to you that I became your father. I’m not, you know, asking you to do anything I’m not already doing myself.* (MSG)

Prov 2:1-2 *'My child, will you treasure my wisdom? Then, and only then, will you acquire it. And only if you accept my advice and hide it within will you succeed. So train your heart to listen when I speak and open your spirit wide to expand your discernment— then pass it on to your sons and daughters.'* (TPT)

Prov 1:8-9, 18 *Pay close attention, friend, to what your father tells you; never forget what you learned at your mother’s knee. Wear their counsel like a winning crown, like rings on your fingers. Dear friend, if bad companions tempt you, don’t go along with them. If they say—“Let’s go out and raise some hell. Oh, friend, don’t give them a second look; don’t listen to them for a minute. They’re racing to a very bad end, hurrying to ruin everything they lay hands on.”* (MSG)

Eph 4:1-3 *In light of all this, here’s what I want you to do. While I’m locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don’t want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don’t want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences.* (MSG)

Heb 3:13-14 *So watch your step, friends. Make sure there’s no evil unbelief lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God. For as long as God’s still calling it Today, keep each other on your toes so sin doesn’t slow down your reflexes. If we can only keep our grip on the sure thing we started out with, we’re in this with Christ for the long haul.* (MSG)

Heb 10:23-24 *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,* (NIV)

Rom 8:15-17 *This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It’s adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike “What’s next, Papa?” God’s Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what’s coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we’re certainly going to go through the good times with him!* (MSG)

John 15:1-2, 4 *“I am a true sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is my Father. He cares for the branches connected to me by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches and pruning every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest. So, you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine.”* (TPT)

2. Pray that we would Be “CHALLENGED”, as We’re God Tested for His Authentic Authority; Brining Joy in His Pressing . . .

Jude 1:22-23 *But you, dear friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God’s love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life! Go easy on those who hesitate in the faith. Go after those who take the wrong way. Be tender with sinners, but not soft on sin; do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.* (MSG/NLT)

John 1:1-3, 14 *In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people. The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overpowered it. The Word became a human and lived among us. We saw his glory—the glory that belongs to the only Son of the Father—and he was full of grace and truth.* (NCV)

Matt 28:18 *Jesus came up and said to them, “All authority (all power of absolute rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.* (AMP)

II Tim 3:15-17 *'Remember what you were taught from your childhood from the Holy Scrolls which can impart to you wisdom to experience everlasting life through the faith of Jesus, the Anointed One! God has transmitted his very substance into every Scripture, for it is God-breathed. It will empower you by its instruction and correction, giving you the strength to take the right direction and lead you deeper into the path of godliness. Then you will be God’s servant, fully mature and perfectly prepared to fulfill any assignment God gives you.'* (TPT)

Psalms 119:1 *'You’re only truly happy when you walk in total integrity, walking in the light of God’s Word.'* (TPT)

I Thess 2:11-12 *We talked to you as a father to his own children—don’t you remember? —pleading with you, encouraging you, and even demanding that your daily lives should not embarrass God but bring joy to him who invited you into his Kingdom to share his glory.*

I Cor 4:21 *So how should I prepare to come to you? As a severe disciplinarian who makes you walk the line? Or as a good friend and counselor who wants to share heart-to-heart with you? You decide.* (MSG)

II Cor 13:2-3 *Well, this is my third visit coming up. Remember the Scripture that says, “A matter becomes clear after two or three witnesses give evidence”? On my second visit I warned that bunch that keeps sinning over and over in the same old ways that when I came back I wouldn’t go easy on them. Now, preparing for the third, I’m saying it again from a distance. If you haven’t changed your ways by the time I get there, look out.*

Heb 12:11 *At the time, discipline isn’t much fun. It always feels like it’s going against the grain. Later, of course, it pays off big-time, for it’s the well-trained who find themselves mature in their relationship with God.* (MSG)

I Cor 16:13-14 *Be on guard; stand firm in your faith [in God, respecting His precepts and keeping your doctrine sound]. Act like [mature] men and be courageous; be strong. Let everything you do be done in love [motivated and inspired by God’s love for us].* (AMP)

Psalms 121:1-6 *'I look up to the mountains and hills, longing for God’s help. But then I realize that our true help and protection is only from the Lord, our Creator who made the heavens and the earth. He will guard and guide me, never letting me stumble or fall. God is my keeper; he will never forget nor ignore me. He will never slumber nor sleep; he is the Guardian-God for his people, Israel. Yahweh himself will watch over you; he’s always at your side to shelter you safely in his presence. He’s protecting you from all danger both day and night.'* (TPT)

Phil 3:13-14 *No, dear brothers, I am still not all I should be, but I am bringing all my energies to bear on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I strain to reach the end of the race and receive the prize for which God is calling us up to heaven because of what Christ Jesus did for us.* (TLB)

Isa 30:20-21 *'Even though the Lord may allow you to go through a season of hardship and difficulty, he himself will be there with you. He will not hide himself from you, for your eyes will constantly see him as your Teacher. When you turn to the right or turn to the left, you will hear his voice behind you to guide you, saying, “This is the right path; follow it.”'*

I Cor 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord [always doing your best and doing more than is needed], being continually aware that your labor [even to the point of exhaustion] in the Lord is not futile nor wasted [it is never without purpose].* (AMP)