



Do Not Be Deceived

**THERE ARE MANY FALSE
TEACHERS &
MANY FALSE PROPHETS**

“Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.” - Matt. 24:4-5

Test all Things

Part 1

“Test all things; hold fast what is good.
Abstain from every form of evil.”

- 1 Thes. 5:21-22

The importance of testing

- Test: to recognize as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy
- **There is a true force working against humanity**

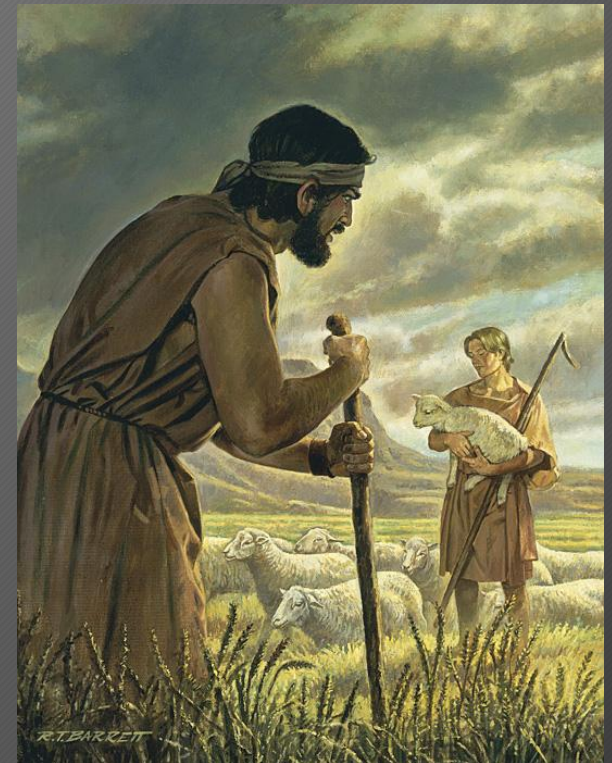


Be sober; be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil
walks about like a roaring lion,
seeking whom he may devour.
Resist him.

1 Peter 5:8-9 (New King James Version)

The importance of testing

- Satan wants us to be consumed in sin/corruption
 - “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.” (Gen. 4:7)



The importance of testing

- Deception is his trademark
 - Ex: Adam and Eve
 - “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” (Matt. 24:24)



Outline

- The Standard
- What qualifies for Testing?
- Tools of Measurement
- Opponents to Sound Testing
- The Safe Haven

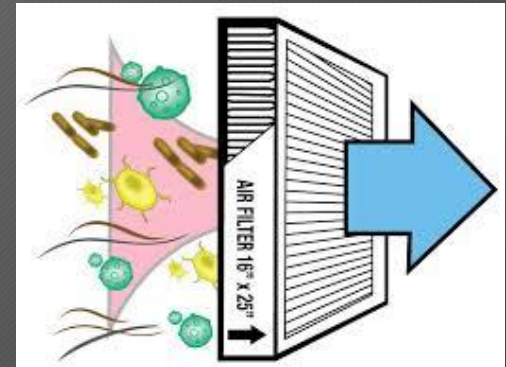
The Standard

- There must be a standard
- Not only regarding spiritual matters
- “I hate the double-minded, But I love Your law.” (Ps. 119:113)
 - Ex: Referee
- “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” (Rom. 12:2)



What qualifies for testing?

- “Test **ALL** things.” (1 Thess. 5:21)
- Business engagements
- School projects
- Friends
 - “Evil company corrupts good habits.” (1 Cor. 15:33)
- People in authority
 - “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.” (Eph. 6:1)
- The TEST is like a FILTER



Summary

- The importance of testing
 - There is a true force working against humanity
 - Satan wants us to be consumed in sin/corruption
 - Deception is his trademark
- There is a Standard
- All things qualify for testing
- Part 2
 - Tools of Measurement
 - Opponents to Sound Testing
 - The Safe Haven