

Test, Trials, and Temptations!

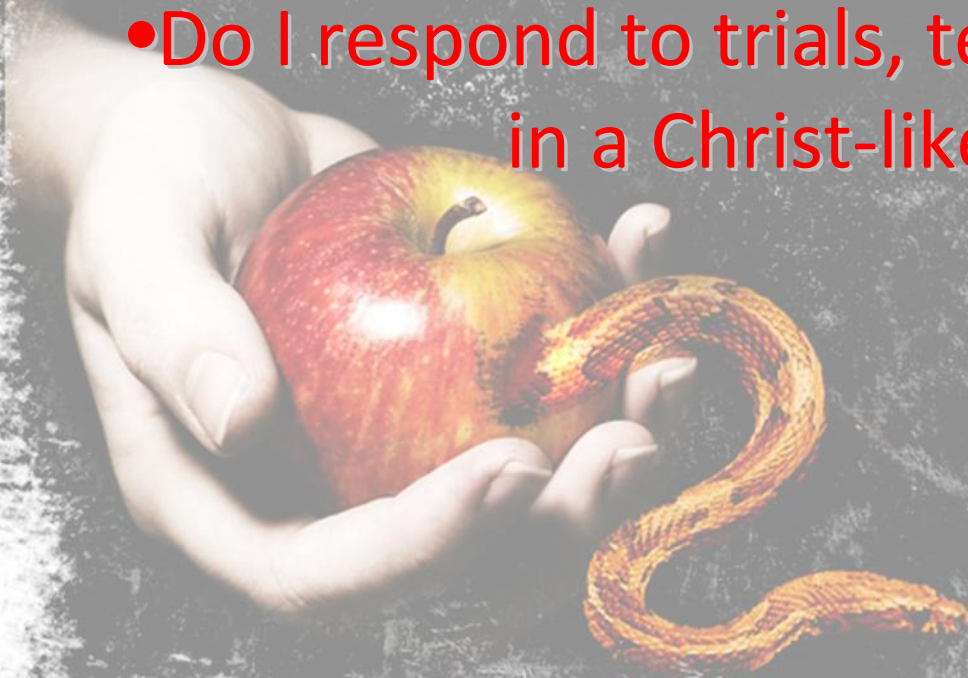
When life throws you a curve ball,
how will you react?



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Questions

- Why am I going through this situation in my life?
- Do I respond to trials, tests, and temptations in a Christ-like manner?



Life is full of tests!

- In hard times, do people see Christ in you?
- Do you rely on God during these tests?

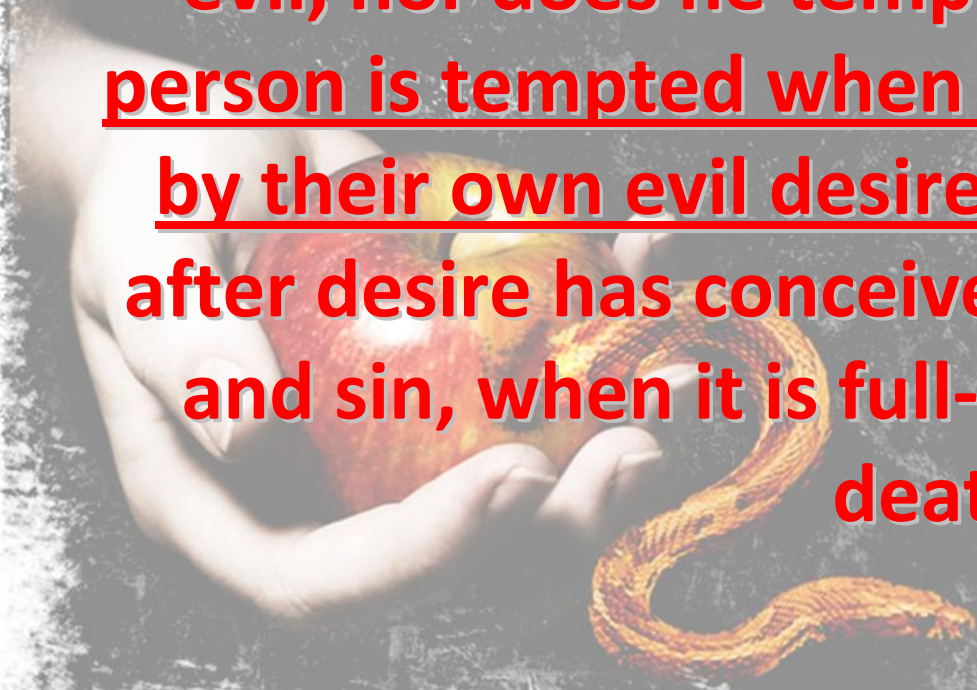


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God does not tempt you.

JAMES 1:13-15

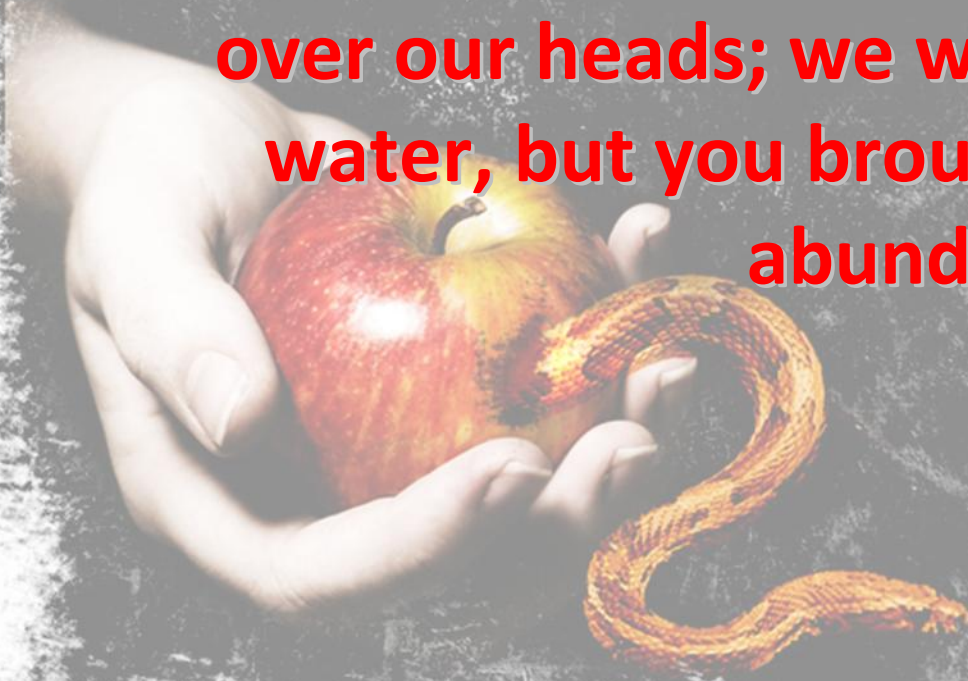
¹³ When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.



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Psalm 66:10-1236

¹⁰ For you, God, tested us; you refined us like silver. ¹¹ You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs. ¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

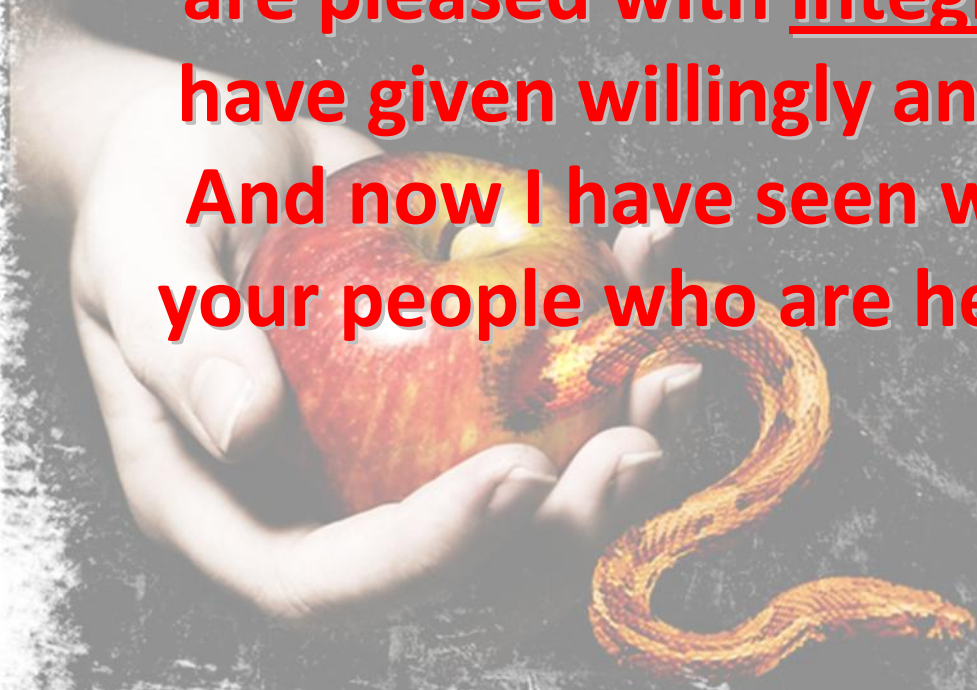


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1.) God wants us to be people of integrity, and men and women of character.

1 Chronicles 29:17

¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.



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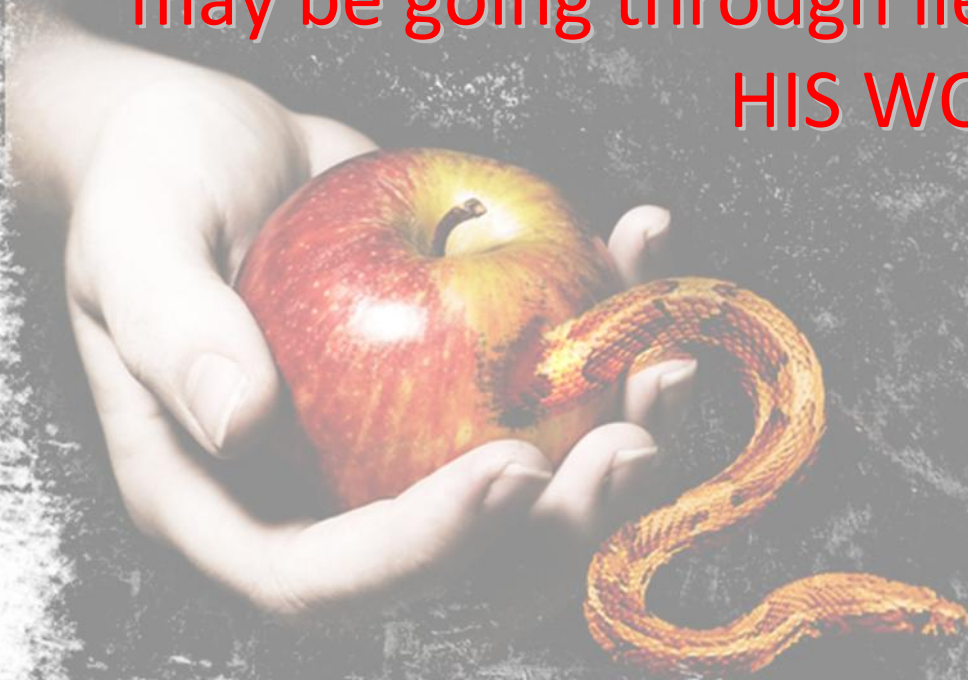
2.) God allows trials, to enable us to love him more.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3

If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder,² and if the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, “Let us follow other gods” (gods you have not known) “and let us worship them,”³ you must not listen to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The LORD your God is testing you to find out whether you love him with all your heart and with all your soul.

3) We are permitted trials and tribulations by
God so that we may love His WORD

- The solution to whatever adverse situation we may be going through lies entirely in HIM and HIS WORD.



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4) Trials teach us humility.

Deuteronomy 8:2-3

- ² Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.
- ³ He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

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5) God uses trials to prepare you for higher service and accomplishments.

- Joseph
- Pastors
- Through your trials and hard times, you can help other people in their situation.



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6) Trials teach us patience.

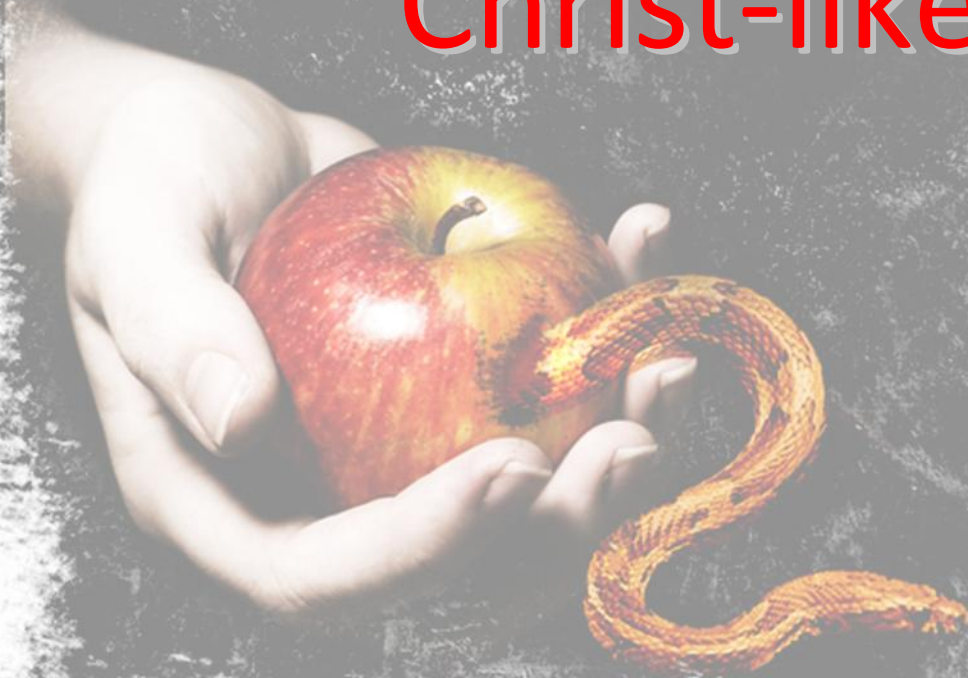
Patience helps us to develop the spirit of discernment and the graceful demeanor that we need to remain calm in the face of life's challenges so that people may see Christ in us.



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Question:

How can I endure trials in a
Christ-like manner?



1.) Understand that the battles and struggles God brings our way are good.

The fights we fight are good fights! These battles ultimately teach us, stretch us, and develop our character and our faith.

They make us qualified, fit, and ready candidates for the Kingdom.



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2.) The Bible calls you “blessed” by just going through your trials and tests.

- **Do not Complain!**

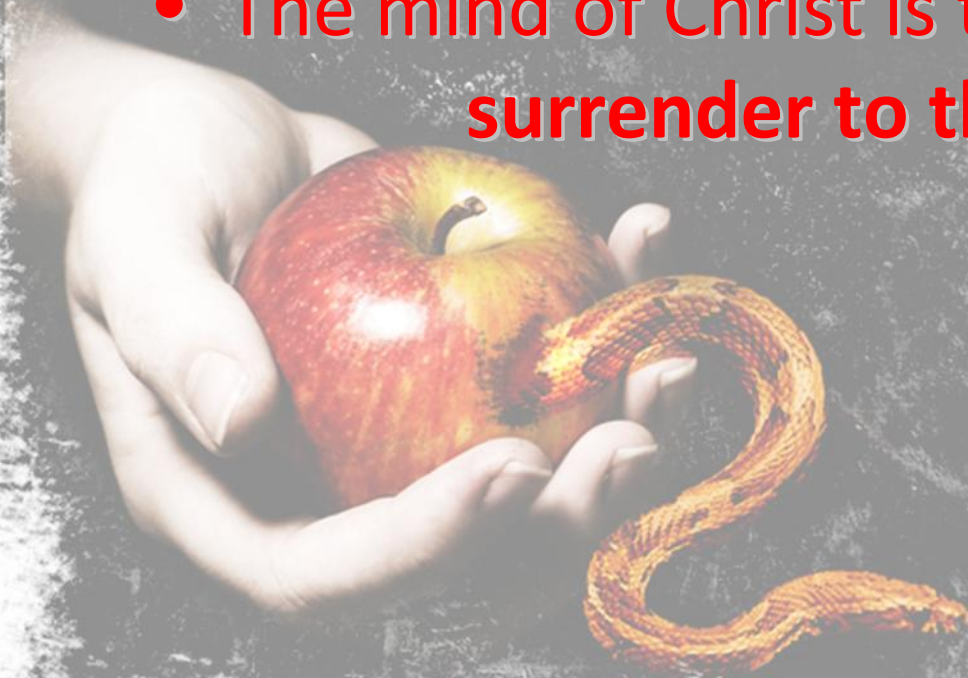
- **IT IS NOT ABOUT GETTING OUT OF THE TRIAL, IT IS ABOUT WHAT YOU GET OUT OF THE TRIAL!**



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3. Guard your mind.

- **The devil will try to deceive, trick, and fool us.**
- **The mind of Christ is the mind of complete surrender to the will of God.**



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4. Cultivate a disciplined lifestyle.

- We need to live our lives purposefully; find your purpose!
- Be “a good soldier” !!!!!!!!



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5. PRAY:

- Pray with a strong faith, God will hear your prayers, and you will receive his grace in his time.
- Question: When was the last time you prayed for over 30 minutes? 1 hour? 2 hours?



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6. Develop a positive mental attitude.

- A positive mental attitude is about **being fully conscious that God is with us in our struggles.**
- Our troubles are **momentary** and are **actually working for us!**



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7. Be Patient

- If we do not learn to be patient, we shall miss out on what God wants to do in our lives.
- Patience in the Lord is a much needed trait in our lives.



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8. We learn to conquer by knowing and applying
God's words.

- When our Lord was tempted by the devil, ***He overcame him by the word.***
- Those who love God will love His word!



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9. No pain, No gain!

- If we purposefully seek God and love Him, our lives shall radiate forth more and more of His beauty and glory.



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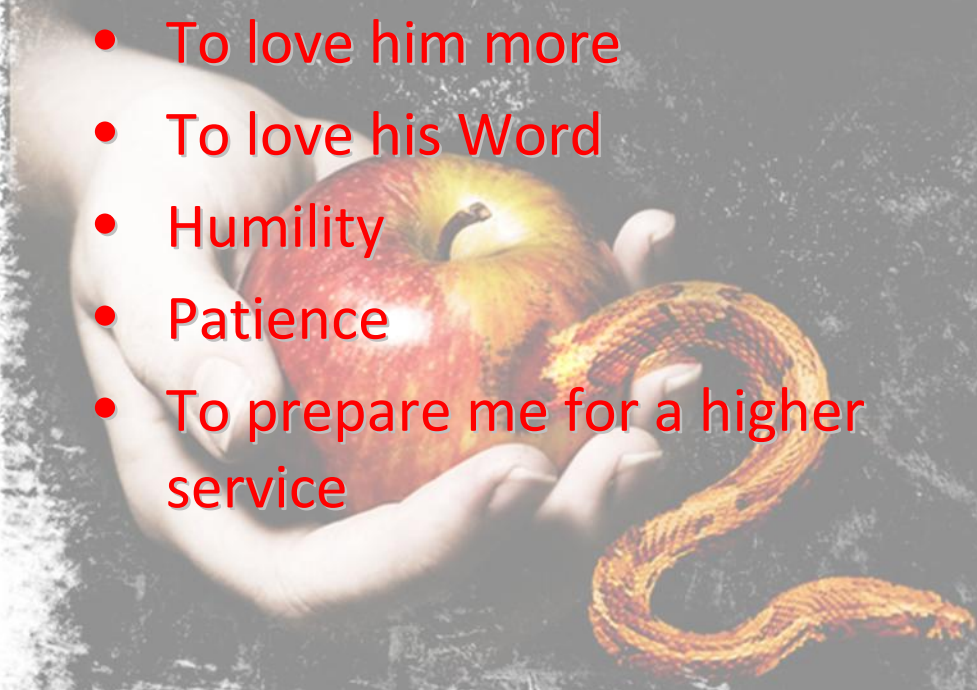
ASK YOURSELF:

Is God trying to teach me:

- Character
- To love him more
- To love his Word
- Humility
- Patience
- To prepare me for a higher service

In your daily life situations, am I:

- Guarding my mind
- Having a disciplined lifestyle
- Praying without ceasing
- Having a positive mental attitude
- Being patient
- Applying God's word



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