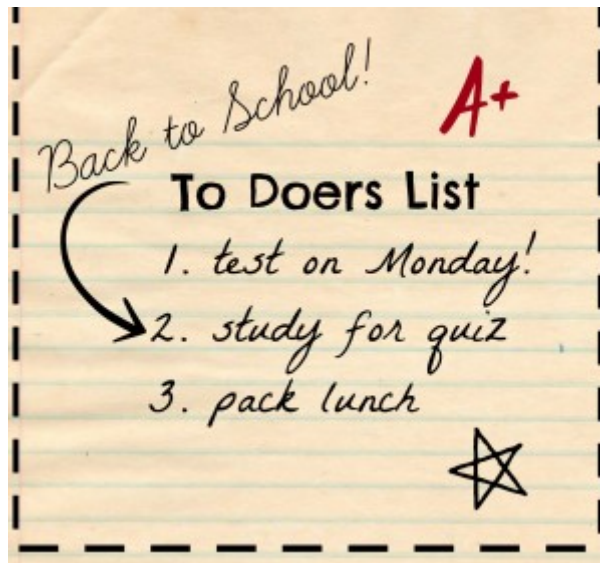


To Do-ers List, Back to School: Test



"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it." Malachi 3:10

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Day 7: Test

"Please get out two sharpened number two pencils and a piece of scratch paper. Do not open your test booklet until I tell you to do so. Please look at Sample A. Please read Sample A to yourself as I read it aloud..."

Tests! Life seems to be full of **tests** – math tests, English tests, spelling tests and history **tests**. Don't forget about the never-ending-fill-in-the-dot **tests**. As Christians we also

undergo tests. Spiritual **tests**. Character **tests**. Circumstances and events that try our souls. Unlike school teachers, God doesn't test us to learn what we know. He tests us so WE can learn what we know. Once we learn the truth about the contents of our hearts, we are able to seek God's healing and restoration.

Test Me in this.

There is an occasion in the Bible, however, when God asks *us* to **test Him**. "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this**, says the LORD Almighty ..."

The Teacher takes the **test**.

In fact, the Master Teacher longs for us to **test Him**. Why? So He can bless. The Hebrew word used for *test* in this verse is *bachan*, which means "to try, to prove, to lookout for, to watch."

What kind of test are we to give God?



The giving **test**.

Giving.

Giving deep.

Giving till it hurts.

Out on a limb kind of giving where only God can pull it off.
We give and what does God do?

God pours out.

"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it..."

Funny. I have always approached this verse in a very self-centered manner. Prior to writing this study, I believed the verse read something like, "Give your tithe and I will pour out My blessing upon YOU." I give my little sacrifice and God pours down blessings on little ol' me. The one receiving my "sacrifice" benefits a little, while God pours His blessing down on me ...

The verse doesn't say that. It says, give your tithe, and

[I'll pour out My blessing so you'll have even more to give – not more to keep.](#)



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A continuous flow in the direction it was given—like the boy with the five loaves and two fish. He gave Jesus his boy-sized snack and ended up with lunch for 5000 ... alfresco ... plus doggie bags. Amazing. The blessing wasn't just for the boy. Jesus poured forth blessing in the direction it was given, to feed the crowd. What would the boy have done with food for 5000? It would have spoiled. Hmm ...

... I wonder what happens when we try to hoard our gifts?

For today: take the test.

God asks us to **test** Him by giving. Start by praying. Ask God to show you opportunities to give today. What shall we give? Our money? Yes, but not only our money, but

- our time,
- our talents,
- our gifts,
- Our possessions and
- any other thing we can think of.

Resources:

To help you organize your daily study and record your experiences, please download and print the following PDF, or download the journal app to your favorite Apple device.

- [*To Do-ers List Study Guide PDF*](#)
- [*Days Lite: My Wonderful Life App*](#) free app from App Store.

Other Resources:

[Joyce Meyer: The Going Through Test](#)

[Chuck Swindoll: The Ultimate Faith Test](#)

Don't forget to comment on your experience in the comment section below! Choose your test for today and be a Doer of the Word. School is in session. **Test!**

We can't wait to hear how your day went! Remember, God is waiting for His **test**.

Let's do it!

if you need to catch up, click on the links below!

[Day 1: New Clothes](#)

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12 Days of Thanks Giving: Introduction



Thanksgiving: [thangks-giv-ing] noun

1. a public celebration in acknowledgment of divine favor or kindness.
2. a day set apart for giving thanks to God.

Thanksgiving ... the forgotten holiday ... Sandwiched between two holidays which have become focused on receiving (Halloween and Christmas), *giving* seems to have become obsolete. Is thankfulness no longer an important part of American culture? Have we busied ourselves out of taking the time required to reflect and be thankful? Have we forgotten the art of giving thanks?

Thanksgiving is not so much a holiday as an attitude. What if we changed our holiday noun *Thanksgiving* into a holiday verb of *Thanks Giving*? For the next twelve days, before the rush of company, parties and presents begins, let's take some time to give thanks. Please join us for ***The Twelve Days of Thanks Giving***.

Beginning November 16th, we will present a scripture, a prayer, and a theme for the day. Simply visit our blog to read the daily short post and add your thoughts if you'd like.

Happy Thanks Giving!

The Outcasts: Giving Your All by Mary Kane

Have you ever wondered if God could use a "person like me" to further His kingdom? I know I've asked God that same question! To see His answer, please click on the link for the "[Outcasts: Giving Your All](#)" Bible study.