

**"Testing You To Know"**  
*Practical Expressions of Genuineness*  
**Deuteronomy 8: 1 - 20**  
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*"Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come." (1 Corinthians 10:11 ESV)*

**God's Call For His People To Be A Treasured Possession Requires Testing To Prove Genuineness, (vs. 1 - 20)**

- God's Testing Brings Seasons Of Want Though God Has Promised Abundance, (vs. 1 - 4)  
3. God has promised to be our source of provision during times of want, (vs. 3)

**3.1) God Often Challenges Our Sense Of Normal**

**"Humbled (Impf) / Let (Impf) You Hunger"-**

*"And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, and the people of Israel said to them, "Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not." (Exodus 16:2-4, ESV)*

**3.2) God Often Challenges Our Definition Of Provision**

**"Fed (Impf) You With Manna /**

**You Or Your Fathers Did Not Know"-** *"And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather of it, each one of you, as much as he can eat. You shall each take an omer, according to the number of the persons that each of you has in his tent.' " And the people of Israel did so. They gathered, some more, some less. But when they measured it with an omer, whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack. Each of them gathered as much as he could eat." (Exodus 16:14-18, ESV)*

**3.3) God Often Deconstructs Our Measures Of Success**

**"Man Does Not Live (Impf) By Bread Alone"-**

*"For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness." (1 Corinthians 10:1-5, ESV)*

**3.4) God Often Corrects Our Wrong Assumptions**

**"Man Lives (Impf) Every Word Of The Lord"**

*1) "Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 2) I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:49-51, ESV)*

- 1) The real need is not temporal things - it is eternity.
- 2) The provision for eternity must be found in consuming the word of God.

**How have you allowed wrong assumptions to cloud your judgment of God's provision?**

4. God has promised to be our daily protection in times of exposure, (vs. 4)

- God's Testing Disciplines His Children With Seasons Of Abundance To Teach Stewardship, (vs. 5 - 10)

1. We must understand that God will bring seasons of discipline to teach stewardship, (vs. 5)
2. We must guard what God has taught us as the only way to true prosperity, (vs. 6)
3. We must trust that God is the One who will preserve to the end what He has promised, (vs. 7)
4. We must accept the goodness of God as His provision leading to faithfulness unto His instruction, (vs. 8)
5. We must undertake the responsibility to complete the work God has set before us, (vs. 9)
6. We must continually declare God's goodness unto His people before the world, (vs. 10)

- God's Testing Serves To Confirm His Covenantal Promises To Those Who Love Him, (vs. 11 - 20)

1. God's children must guard against forgetting what God has taught them, (vs. 11)
2. God's children must guard against trusting in their own accomplishments, (vs. 12)
3. God's children must guard against boasting in their own success, (vs. 13 - 14)
4. God's children must guard against rewriting the past to highlight their own progress, (vs. 15)
5. God's children must guard against claiming God's wisdom as their own, (vs. 16)
6. God's children must guard against stealing God's glory and making it theirs, (vs. 17 - 18)
7. God's children must guard against worshiping themselves instead of worshiping God, (vs. 19)
8. God's children must guard against disobeying God as those who do not know God do, (vs. 20)