

## E. Twenty Common Leadership Tests.

(Suggested teaching time: 10 minutes)

To prepare leaders for increased ministry, God puts us through many forms of testing: [See Appendix 6B]

The order in which these tests are listed is not meant to be sequential or signify any level of magnitude.

If time permits have the group see Appendix 6B for additional teaching on each of the 20 common leadership tests.

| Test                            | Description  | Example     |
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| 1. <b>Character Test</b>        | Situations that challenge you to compromise your character             | Dan 1:8     |
| 2. <b>Motive Test</b>           | Test of your motives or inward decision-making process                 | Ac 5:1-11   |
| 3. <b>Time Test</b>             | Delay in fulfilling the ministry God has given you                     | 2Pe 3:8     |
| 4. <b>Forgiveness Test</b>      | Forgiving in your heart those who have hurt you, even unjustly         | Mt 18:21-35 |
| 5. <b>Trust Test</b>            | When you don't understand and nothing in your life seems to make sense | Gen 22:1,2  |
| 6. <b>Vision Test</b>           | Resistance by people or events to the vision God has given             | Gen 37      |
| 7. <b>Servant Test</b>          | Being asked to perform menial tasks that seem below your calling       | Jn 13:1-17  |
| 8. <b>Misunderstanding Test</b> | Having your actions, words, or motives misunderstood by others         | Mt 16:21-23 |
| 9. <b>Self-Will Test</b>        | Being asked by God or leadership to do things that resist your desires | Mt 26:39    |
| 10. <b>Frustration Test</b>     | Things are not working out and there is no reasonable explanation why  | Eccl 6      |
| 11. <b>Self-Reliance Test</b>   | Stripping away things we put our security in other than God            | 1Ti 6:17-19 |
| 12. <b>Loving Test</b>          | Being placed in situations that require love for unlovable people      | Lk 6:27-36  |
| 13. <b>Wilderness Test</b>      | Lengthy time in a dry place with no obvious fruit                      | Ex 2:15-23  |
| 14. <b>Disloyalty Test</b>      | When friends, and even followers, turn their back on you               | Mk 14:43-46 |
| 15. <b>Discouragement Test</b>  | People or events that lead you to give up in your calling              | 1Sa 17:33   |
| 16. <b>Loneliness Test</b>      | Not having anyone to share your heart with in ministry                 | 2Ti 4:9-16  |
| 17. <b>Faithfulness Test</b>    | In it for the long haul, even when nobody knows or seems to care       | 2Ti 4:7     |
| 18. <b>Perseverance Test</b>    | Being challenged to continue in the face of long-term adversity        | Heb 12:1-3  |
| 19. <b>Warfare Test</b>         | Experiencing supernatural opposition to your life and ministry         | Eph 6:10-18 |
| 20. <b>Promotion Test</b>       | When you are not moving forward in your calling as expected            | Gal 1:17,18 |