

Heart Tests

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

We see the health of our hearts only when we are tested.

We test our hearts every time we speak.

(Luke 6:45) The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.

Your words will always say more about you than anyone else.

We test our hearts when we disagree.

(Matthew 5:43-45) "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

We test our hearts when promises are costly to keep.

(Matthew 26:33-34) Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times."

We test our hearts when we lose what we love.

(Job 1:21b, The Message) God gives, God takes. God's name be ever blessed. Not once through all of this did Job sin; not once did he blame God.

When more we see our hearts, the more we see how much we need God.

(Ezekiel 36:26) I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.