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**JUMPING OFF PINNACLES AND TEMPTING GOD**

Matthew 4:5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

**TEMPTING GOD IS LIKE JUMPING OFF A PINNACLE:**

The Devil took Jesus and set Him on the pinnacle of the temple. Then he challenges Him to cast Himself down from the pinnacle and claim the promise of Psalm 91:10-12:

This morning we are going to look at the essence of what was wrong in doing what Satan suggested Jesus do. What made it wrong.. why was it wrong!

Consider the verse he quoted:

Psalms 91:10 There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

Psalms 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

The Devil says:

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

Why would this be tempting God? This morning I want to consider this subject and share the various ways we tempt God:

VARIOUS WAYS WE TEMPT GOD - THEY ALL HAVE SOMETHING COMMON TO THIS ACCOUNT OF THE DEVIL ASKING JESUS TO JUMP OF THE PINACLE OF THE TEMPLE..

First of all.. let us consider:

**I. THE MEANING OF THE WORD TEMPT AND EXAMPLES OF JUMPING OFF PINNACLES**

What does it mean to TEMPT GOD?

To tempt God means to:

Put God on trial,

Put Him to the test,

To exert yourself over Him as judge...

To prove Him...

To challenge God:

It is ok for God to test man but it is wrong for man to test God:

Testing God: it all boils down to who is really the authority:

God has the authority to put man to the test, while man does not have the authority to put God to the test.....

The judge has the authority to question the plaintiff the plaintiff does not have the authority to question the judge:

God has the right to test us, we don't have the authority to test God:

This is a very subtle sin that many people commit continually, never understanding how bad this is to God:

A person who has a problem submitting to authority is a person who is most likely to tempt God:

The issue is authority..... the ultimate authority is God...

Since we cannot see God, a person who is guilty of tempting God can more readily be exposed because they tempt their human authority:

OTHER AUTHORITIES: Not the job of the lessor to challenge and be the judge over the greater....

Children with parents..  
Bosses at work.... Promotions  
Civil authorities:  
Pastor / people  
Army with sergeant

## ***II. WE TEMPT GOD WHEN WE ADD OUR STIPULATIONS TO HIS COMMANDS OR PROMISES:***

***Adding stipulations to God's commands is like jumping off a pinnacle....***

### ***1. The less we know of His word the more likely we are to tempt God: We can think we are right.... we can be sincere.... but be sincerely WRONG.***

The devil knows the Bible better than you... and he will twist it, and try to get you jumping off pinnacles:

Temptation of Christ: If you be the Son of God jump... Because the Bible says He will protect you.....

The Bible does not say jump off a pinnacle and He will protect you.... The context of the verse was referring back to the wilderness experience and how the Lord took the children of Israel under His wing.. so to speak, and protected them..

Exodus 19:4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself.

Psalms 91:4 He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

In fact all the quotes Jesus used to combat satan's temptations came from the book of Deuteronomy:

Deuteronomy 8:2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or no.

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Deuteronomy 8:4 Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years.

Note: Satan knows the Bible.. and seeks to catch us off guard to get us tripped up .. confused about what God really said..

Gen 3:1 He said to Eve " Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? A subtle question to trip her up... He succeeded in getting her to jump off a pinnacle.. Jump.. in this case.. eat.. you won't die..

**2. *We tempt God when we stipulate conditions to His promises and want more than His promises. When we do this we become the authority and not God!***

Satan said God says this:

Psalms 91:11 For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

Psalms 91:12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

NOW TO PROVE THAT IS TRUE DO THIS.....

To prove it true by your decisions is to test God....

We find the promise true when we need it, we don't tell God when we need it...

Heard a story from a missionary how In Moslem literature they are told how to deal with Christian missionaries. Here is what they are told,

They tell their people that the Christian Bible says:

Mark 16:17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

Mark 16:18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Give them some poison and say here let's see how much you believe this....

Promise was not given to us to test God... but was a promise given to the Apostles as they traveled the heathen world to proclaim the gospel.

Paul was bitten of a serpent and suffered no harm. That sign was fulfilled in the early church. It is not necessary that we test God to see if He will do that for us. How satanic such a statement is! It is almost what the devil said to Jesus to trip him up.

THIS WOULD BE LIKE JUMPING OFF THE PINNACLE

**3. Here are some common ways I have seen people tempt God,**

**A. Often people say, "Lord, if you will do this I will go to Church every week..... "**

This is testing God.... God has commanded us to attend Church faithfully, we don't need to put stipulations on it...

Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

THE PERSON THAT DOES THIS IS JUMPING OFF A PINNACLE THINKING THEY ARE OK WHEN IT DOESN'T WORK THEY BLAME GOD AND EXCUSE THEMSELVES FROM GOING TO CHURCH..

GOD DID NOT HOLD UP HIS END OF THE BARGIN..

**B. I have heard people tempt God in the area of Immorality.. by saying.. Lord if you don't want me to commit adultery stop me.....**

THE PERSON THAT DOES THIS IS JUMPING OFF A PINNACLE THINKING THEY ARE OK WHEN IT DOESN'T WORK THEY BLAME GOD! HOW TWISTED OUR THINKING IS..

I have heard people say.. that God made me this way that is why I sin..

God made me this way that is why .. and then they justify their immorality, adultery, homosexuality, perversion .. you name it..

God commanded us not to commit adultery..... we need not ask God to supernaturally intervene to prevent it....

Here is another way I have heard of people tempting God..

**C. I HAVE HEARD OF PEOPLE MISUNDERSTANDING A VERSE AND INSANELY TEMPTING GOD - RECEIVING DEVASTATING RESULTS**

Here is the verse that has been mis-interpreted

Matthew 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

Fellow decided to fast & not feed his family not eat anything until God sends food supernaturally. The authorities intervened and he was arrested for neglect and abuse with his children..... In fact one of his children died. All in the name of God..... Misunderstanding a verse.... jumping off pinnacles....

***D. I HAVE SEEN PEOPLE MISAPPLY A VERSE ABOUT BEING HEALED IF WE BELIEVE BY FAITH THAT GOD CAN HEAL US..***

I recall a fellow who said his wife that claimed a promise that she would be healed from cancer. When she died the man got bitter against God. To this day her husband will not come back to Church because he knows she had faith. He believes God did not keep his end of the bargain. In his mind he believed as long as she had faith she should have been healed. NO, SHE WAS TEMPTING GOD..... Added her stipulations to God's promises.

PROBLEM IS WE DON'T UNDESTAND THE PROMISES OF GOD.....

AGAIN THIS IS JUMPING OFF A PINNACLE

Do you realize that when Jesus said go in peace your faith hath healed you it means that because the people had faith enough to come to him they received the benefit of healing. It says .. that in his home town he could not do many miracles because of their unbelief. In other words, the people didn't come and therefore did not get healed. Jesus Healed! Their faith in Jesus brought them to Jesus. Jesus healed to authenticate His message! Greater he said are people who never saw him or were healed of him but believed. He often mourned within himself saying..

John 4:48 Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.

When he said this he wasn't saying it as a good thing!!!!

***III. We tempt God when we fail to act when it is our duty to act and claim Pseudo spirituality by doing so.....***

***1. There are certain things that God commanded us to do for ourselves and if we don't do them they will never get done, and if, in fact, we wait for God to do what we have been commanded to do on our own.... We are in fact tempting God.....***

We're asking God to be our servant rather than submitting to God.... And when it doesn't take place we will be held accountable and will not blame God....

Parable of the talents is an example of this:

Matthew 25:14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

Matthew 25:15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey.

Matthew 25:16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

Matthew 25:24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

Matthew 25:25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

Matthew 25:26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

Matthew 25:27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

Matthew 25:28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

Matthew 25:29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

Matthew 25:30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

There are certain things in the work of the Lord that God is going to hold us responsible for because He commanded us to do them and when we say Lord I was waiting for you to do it... God is going to say thou wicked and slothful servant....

When people do these type of things in their spiritual walk it is evidence that they are looking for a God that serves them rather than them serving God. The Lord said of such a person that they are wicked and slothful servants. In other words they are looking for a reason to excuse their slothfulness.

**A. *One extreme: We want to add our stipulations to what the Lord says.... I will do it if you do this....***

We test God.... instead of believing God....

We qualify God's word with our conditions....

We become the judge and authority

We become the one to tell God....

I worship God my way.... and in so doing we tempt God

In so doing we are jumping off pinnacles and saying to God catch me!

All these are examples of jumping off pinnacles to test or tempt God. Satan said, if you be the son of God prove it by jumping off this pinnacle and see if God will fulfill His promise to you. Jesus said if He did such a thing He would be tempting the Lord. So too, in many ways, people are tempting the Lord when they do similar things today in their spiritual life.

**B. *Second extreme is I am going to wait for God to do it.... This is passive disobedience..***

In the one example God didn't tell Jesus to Jump of the pinnacle, and to jump was to tempt God.. But what if God did ask us to do something. When we don't do it .. Our passive rebellion is just as wrong as our active presumptuous rebellion.

When God says jump and we don't it is as wrong as jumping when God never did say jump....

PREACHER YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE WE HAVE TO ALMOST LIVE BY EVERY WORD THAT THE BIBLE SAYS.... YOU MAKE IT SOUND LIKE WE HAVE TO HAVE A VERSE FOR EVERYTHING....

AMEN!

Deuteronomy 8:3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live.

Faith believes God.. and does not seek to question his Word or authority....

Satan Said.. if you are the Son of God.. jump off this pinnacle because the Bible says.. He has given His angels charge over you lest you dash your foot against a stone.. Lets see if you believe God..

Jesus says .. I believe God and I will not tempt God I do not have to put my Heavenly Father to the test..

We need to have a proper understanding of the Word of God

When we try to get it to say something that God has not said we are tempting God.. When God says to do something and we don't do it it is sin.. When God has not said to do something and we don't presumptuously, it is sin..

THE WORD OF GOD IS THE AUTHORITY AND NOT US! In our next message will we study how sometimes God does say prove me! Jump! When we don't Jump it is just as wrong as when He never said jump to prove Him...

***JUMPING OFF PINACLES IS TEMPTING GOD:  
HOWEVER WHEN GOD SAYS JUMP, JUMP!  
SOMETIMES GOD DOES SAY PROVE ME.***

SATAN SAID:

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

However.. there are times in the Bible where men of God seemed to seek God to prove himself.. and are not shown to be wrong for doing so.. Most of these times are not relevant to us today but nonetheless there were times that this happened.

FOR INSTANCE:

Judges 6:36 And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said,

Judges 6:37 Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor; and if the dew be on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the earth beside, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as thou hast said.

Judges 6:38 And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and thrust the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water.

Judges 6:39 And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew.

Judges 6:40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

Here we have an account in the Bible where a child of God actually does something asking God to prove himself.. May even seem like jumping off a pinnacle in Matt. 4:5 and in this case he is not condemned... Seems to be a contradiction does it not? Gideon said.. if you truly called me to fight the Midianites.. do this with the fleece.

We might at first glance see this as tempting God.. and a contradiction to what I have shared but it is in fact not a contradiction at all..

***I. SOMETIMES GOD ACTUALLY SAYS IT IS OK TO PROVE HIM IF IT WILL ENCOURAGE OUR OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD..***

Most of the time this does not apply to us today!

Gideon was obeying the Lord in this matter of fighting the Midianites

God commanded Gideon to do this thing.. and humanly speaking it was not possible in Gideon's mind. FOR GIDEON TO SUCCEED HE NEEDED A MIRACLE TO TAKE PLACE!

Judges 6:14 And the LORD looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?

Gideon was not doubting God - he was doubting himself and wanted assurance from God that he was not imagining a call from the Lord..



Now if God had not called him to fight the Midianites.. and he did the little fleece thing it would have been like.. JUMPING OFF A PINACAL TYPE OF SCENARIO..

But in that God was asking Gideon to do something that was humanly impossible to do in the arm of the flesh. For Him to ask for such a sign was totally reasonable given the situation. This was not a situation of tempting God.. it was a situation of proving to yourself the will of God. For your life..

Most times when we put a fleece out today we are in fact tempting God! Most people are just looking for an excuse to do something they want to do! Or in some instances it is an excuse for not doing something we don't want to do..

***A. There are many times in the Bible that God actually provides a sign to people to authenticate His word to them..***

Deuteronomy 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

Deuteronomy 18:20 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.

Deuteronomy 18:21 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?

Deuteronomy 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

God promises to perform a miracle to authenticate His word given by way of a prophet.

We do not need a miracle to authenticate His written word that is given in the Bible. We are expected to believe it. It is not new revelation. So in fact, this is not really relevant to us today. Except if we have someone come along that is claiming to have some new revelation from God we could apply this test to them.

People laud Jean Dixon as a great foreseer of the future because she predicted the assassination of President Kennedy. Yet the truth is most of her predictions did not come to pass. In fact very few of her predictions came to pass.. The Bible says a prophet to be qualified to write Scripture needed 100% accuracy! So as you can see we have no eligible prophets today!

That is the difference!

***B. GOD GAVE SIGNS FOR MOSES TO SHOW TO AUTHENTICATE HIS MESSAGE TO ISRAEL***

Exodus 4:1 And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

Exodus 4:2 And the LORD said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A rod.

Exodus 4:3 And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it.

Exodus 4:4 And the LORD said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand, and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand:

Exodus 4:5 That they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee.

Exodus 4:6 And the LORD said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous as snow.

Exodus 4:7 And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again; and plucked it out of his bosom, and, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh.

Exodus 4:8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign.

Exodus 4:9 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

God said that it is a reasonable thing to expect a sign to authenticate a prophets new revelation given to men..

It is not tempting God to expect such a sign .. but this is not to tempt God this is to authenticate the message..

Today we have no need of such signs.. the reason why is that we are believing the record of that which has already been done and written. i am preaching what the prophets already wrote and need not give you a sign to prove what I am saying is so. All I need to do is accurately represent what it says. I am not infallible but the book I quote and preach is!

***C. TODAY UNSAVED MEN WHO ASK FOR SUCH SIGNS ARE FOOLISH AND LOST..***

Luke 16:27 Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house:

Luke 16:28 For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment.

Luke 16:29 Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.

Luke 16:30 And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent.

Luke 16:31 And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.

Some people actually think and expect that God should do some miracle for them to believe. The rich man in hell said if my brothers saw a miracle they would repent and believe. NO THAT IS NOT THE WAY IT WORKS! Let them believe the Bible, IF they will not believe the Bible they would not be persuaded by a sign or miracle.

We are saved by faith.. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

***D. THE WORD OF GOD HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVEN AND TESTED.. IT IS THE RECORD OF WHAT HE HAS DONE AND SAID... IT NEED NOT BE PROVEN IT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVEN AND TESTED...***

II Peter 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

II Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

We today are not looking for new revelation. We have a record of what He has said and what He has done. We need to be like the Bereans of old who searched the Scripture to see what it says about matters.

Each Sunday we gather together to search and see what the Bible says..

Each time we gather together we do so to read this book and study what it says..

This is our supreme objective in this life.. that we may live to grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus..

The reason Jesus could rightly avoid the temptations that he endured in the wilderness against Satan was because he understood the Word of God and was able to properly rebuke Satan.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

When Satan said to our Lord..

Matthew 4:6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

He was able to rebuke Him with the written word of God..

Matthew 4:7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

## ***II. WHEN THE BIBLE SAYS TO PROVE OR TEST THE LORD IT IS OK TO DO SO!***

Here are some examples of times when I think it is ok to prove the Lord.. In other words jump out in faith and do what the Lord tells you to do and see if he will fulfill his promise to you!

### ***1. IT IS OK TO PROVE THE LORD IN THE AREA OF GIVING YOUR TITHE TO HIM***

Tithing: Passage:

Malachi 3:8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

Malachi 3:9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and **prove me now herewith, saith the LORD** of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Malachi 3:11 And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 3:12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

The reason some Christians are a financial mess is because they are under the chastening hand of God because of neglect in the area of their finances.....

Here it says go ahead and test me....

Wait, the Bible says it is a sin to test God.....

This is God using sarcasm almost.

He is saying..... YOU'RE PASSIVE... You're waiting for an opportune time to tithe.... You're saying, God if you want me to tithe... give me enough money to pay my bills... You will never have enough money to pay your bills till you tithe....

Your finances are under the curse of God.....

YOU ARE IN PASSIVE REBELLION..... This is exerting your authority over your finances.... You haven't given a thing until you tithe 10% of your income..

Another area that we should prove the Lord in is in the area of training up our children ..

## **2. IT IS OK TO PROVE THE LORD IN THE AREA OF HONOURING YOUR PARENTS**

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

Ephesians 6:2 Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise;

Ephesians 6:3 That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.

I think we need to challenge Children to prove this verse is true.

God promises a special blessing to children who honor their parents. It is a commandment with a promise.

Although we never read these exact words.. where the Lord says prove me.. in practical application to this promise I think we can safely challenge young people to prove the Lord in this area. Does not God promise to bless those who honor their parents? Do it and see what happens.

## **3. I THINK IT WOULD BE SAFE TO SAY THAT WE CAN PROVE THE LORD TO BE TRUE IN THE AREA OF CHILD TRAINING**

Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I think it would be safe to say it would not be wrong to test the Lord and see if what he says about raising children is true.

Proverbs 23:13 Withhold not correction from the child: for if thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.

Proverbs 23:14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

In the area of training up children we have a lot of Pseudo spiritual parents...

Well, God is going to have to take care of them....

NO, GOD HAS COMMANDED YOU TO DO YOUR BEST AND EXERT YOUR AUTHORITY...

Proverbs 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.

Why not prove the Lord in these areas? I don't think it would be wrong to do so..

**4. PROVE THE LORD AND SEE IF YOU DO WHAT THE LORD SAYS TO DO IN THE AREA OF HAVING A GOOD MARRIAGE.. SEE IF IT WORKS**  
***Marriages are not working because people are too passive:***

Command: Wives submit yourselves to your husbands

Command: Husbands love your wives

I think more people need to put this book to the test.. and see if obeying it will give the results promised..

**5. Test the Lord and see if you will not get the blessings he promised in the area of personal finances..**  
***Obey the Biblical Principles of Personal Finances in the home:***

I think it would be good to jump and do what the Bible says in the area of our personal finances and see if the Bible is true..

I Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

II Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat.

II Thessalonians 3:11 For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

II Thessalonians 3:12 Now them that are such we command and exhort by our Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread.

Well, I'm going to let the Lord take care of it .. but the Lord expects you to do your part also..

Proverbs 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Romans 12:11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

God is not going to force you to apply for that job...

God is not going to wake you up early to plow those fields...

God is not going to make those phone calls... etc...

God will allow you to suffer for wrong decisions you make

I recall when I was younger.. My dad tried to tell me the facts of life about making a living when I was a young man. I didn't understand what he was saying until I got saved and then got married.

You do what you have to do and can do to provide for your family.... MY DAD WAS RIGHT... AFTER I GOT SAVED AND GOT MARRIED, I DROVE A DUMP TRUCK... WORKED AS A GO-FER..... WORKED AS A JANITOR AND DID A HOST OF OTHER THINGS.....

Can't understand a fellow that finds all kinds of excuses about what he can't do in this matter of work.....

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and [have] nothing.

Why many unsaved men, look at christians with disdain when it comes to manliness and godliness...

I Timothy 5:7 And these things give in charge, that they may be blameless.

I Timothy 5:8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Most employment problems are authority problems, not opportunity problems. The greatest problem today I hear from those who are in business is finding people that will work without complaints, not the lack of work it is the lack of workers.

#### TEMPTING GOD IS, IN A NUTSHELL: EXERTING OUR AUTHORITY OVER GOD'S

We do this by adding our stipulations to God's commands or promises:

We do this presumptuously by expecting God to do somethings He never said He would do. So in our pride we are jumping off pinnacles and asking God to catch us..

When God doesn't say Jump, DON'T .

When God says jump.. in faith .. Jump.. the blessed man is the man that lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God!

We tempt God when we presumptuously jump off pinnacles and wonder why we get hurt spiritually ..

We tempt God by expecting God to do what we have been commanded to do. When God says jump out in faith and do something and we don't do it.. why are we surprised when we are not blessed?

When God never told us to jump.. and we fall on or face, why do we get angry at God? Blessed is the man that knows when to jump and when not to jump!

Salvation: People are notorious for tempting God...

God if you want to save me .... do this or that..

God has said.. come unto me.... believe on me and you will be saved.... Don't add your stipulations....

Step out in faith and be Baptized if you believe...

Don't say I'll wait till.....

Obedience to God is what it is all about!

Don't tempt God submit to Him submit to His Word!