

Tests: Who Needs Them?  
Mark 1:12-13; Matthew 4:1-11  
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→ Let me tell you about a woman who knows about testing . . .

→ There are lessons for you and me to be found in the story of Jesus' time of testing:

1. TESTING IS \_\_\_\_\_

A. It was \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus

→ What does it mean to be "impelled by the Spirit"?

→ This test was clearly God-\_\_\_\_\_ and God-\_\_\_\_\_

1) Preparation by \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus' coming

2) Identification with \_\_\_\_\_ through baptism

3) Authentication/approval by \_\_\_\_\_

4) Launches into \_\_\_\_\_

B. The point of testing is to \_\_\_\_\_

C. God always tests those He \_\_\_\_\_

D. Tests are designed to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

→ Tests are intended to develop your confidence...

- in God's \_\_\_\_\_
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2. TESTING INVOLVES \_\_\_\_\_

3. TESTING RESULTS IN \_\_\_\_\_

→ So What? Taking It Home!

1. Evaluate how you \_\_\_\_\_

2. Claim the promise that \_\_\_\_\_

3. Pray and \_\_\_\_\_ wrong attitudes and responses;  
\_\_\_\_\_ to right attitude and responses

4. Pray for those \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*George Herbert: "Fractures well cured make us more strong"

\*\*Martin Luther: "Three things make the man of God ... prayer, meditation, and temptation"

\*\*Luis Palau: "How you handle temptation will determine the success or failure of your whole life"