

## Test

*Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.  
—1 Thessalonians 5:21-22*

This time of year there is much excitement about school starting. Students are excited about seeing their friends and meeting their new teacher. The one thing no student is excited about is tests.

Testing is a way that teachers evaluate learning. In the Bible Christians are told to test all things. We are told to evaluate everything we hear and experience to see how it lines up with the word of God.

When we test things and find that they are good in God's eyes, we need to hold fast to them. That is the equivalent of putting our arms around them and holding them tight. The world will try to persuade us that they really do not matter. Satan will try to entice us to let go of the good and take hold of evil.

Paul tells us to test all things and if they are good, hold on tight. If they are evil we are to abstain. That means we are not to take part in the slightest way.

The result of this test is a life pleasing to the Lord.