



TEST ALL THINGS

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19-22

Standards and Their Results

- Test – *dokimazo* – “(1) to test, examine, prove, scrutinise (to see whether a thing is genuine or not), as metals; (2) to recognise as genuine after examination, to approve, deem worthy” (THAYER)
- LXX – “As silver and gold are tried in a furnace, so are choice hearts with the Lord.” (**Proverbs 17:3**)
- A standard determines whether something is true or false.

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The Standard of God's Word

- **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22** – the Spirit revealed word is to be the standard by which we test all things.
- **2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21** – as it is inspired of God, this standard is supremely trustworthy and profitable.

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The Standard of the Human Mind

- *“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.”* (Proverbs 18:1) (cf. John 11:9-10)
- Paul notes the Gentiles tested God, and failed Him in their minds, and were given by God to their unapproved minds – Romans 1:28 (*“they did not like”* – ouk edokimasan; *“debased”* – adokimon)

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God is calling His people to rely on His standard and prove what is true or false, good or evil – 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22; Ephesians 5:17-18; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 2:5-6

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Good and Evil are Objective

- May reject the results – **Romans 1:w1-23, 28**
- May relabel – **Isaiah 5:20**
- May argue the situation or person changes things – **Matthew 12:1-4**
- Regardless, this does not change reality, and there are only two options – **1 Thess. 5:21-22; 2 Corinthians 13:5**



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- **Holding Fast Involves Activity** (**James** 1:21-27; 2:1-4, 8-9, 14-17; 4:17; **Matthew** 25:24-28, 44-46)
- **Abstaining Involves Inactivity** (**1 John** 1:5; **Romans** 13:14; **Galatians** 5:19-21; **Romans** 1:28-2:3)

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