

*"Proving What Is Acceptable unto the Lord." Ephesians 5:10no2 KJV*



We sit in a chair without thought, because we have tested and proved them experientially many times before. A soldier's training is proven in the heat of battle. We prove things by testing them. Hammers are proven over and over on the blacksmith's anvil, so he uses them without pause in his plan for the molten metal. Your car is proven reliable through use. God sends trials to prove and increase our faith; not that He doesn't already know, but to show us our lack of faith. Past victories and provision, sent when you could not help yourself, were to increase your trust in God. *"Remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee...to humble thee, and TO PROVE THEE, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep His Commandments, or no. '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.'"* God's Word is the survival manual of life, and is the same *"yesterday, today, and forever."* It is the standard by which life is proved. It alone determines evil or righteousness and is never wrong! Those who claim it has contradictions, base their conclusions on foolish human reason and desire. God is always right! If our nation does not return to obedience to God, it is doomed! Where is Babylon? Where is Attila the Hun? Where is Rome? Where is Genghis Khan? Where is King George? Where is Hitler? Where is Stalin? We can wholeheartedly rely on the Word of God to determine difficult choices and evaluate evil. We become wise by meditating upon its precepts. *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of Wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do His Commandments: His Praise endureth for ever. For the LORD giveth Wisdom: out of His Mouth cometh Knowledge and Understanding. For Wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."* We must continually, introspectively, and diligently evaluate our thoughts by God's Word to secure our path from sin. *"Be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that Good, and Acceptable, and Perfect, Will of God."* Thoughts are the proving ground of life and must be measured against the God's Word to first determine validity and thereby, origin. We may only know the false by comparison to God's Word and the Truth makes us free from error. Through meditation (thinking) therein, we can know a thought's origin; whether lust or devilish fiery dart hurled in our direction. If you do not know God's Word, all thoughts are indistinguishable from each other and you walk blindly to your eternal doom! *"Because the carnal mind (bodily desire) is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the Law of God, neither indeed can be. Let this Mind (God's Word) be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus."* It is God's Word in our thoughts that is the mind of Christ.

We bring all things unto the Lord,  
And test their worth against His Word,  
And when we doubt just what to do,  
His Word will ever lead us true. –CGP

Our shield of faith becomes stronger as we instill God's Word in our soul. *"Study to shew thyself approved (proved) unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth."* A carpenter's ruler is the standard by which all his work is measured. Our Standard never wavers. The Sword of the Spirit *"rightly divides"* and *"proves"* all obstacles. *"Faith cometh by...the Word of God. Above all, taking the Shield of Faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. Praying always."* With Faith as our Shield and Truth as our Sword, we will emerge ETERNALLY victorious through Christ when we enter the next world through Death's door!

*"For the Word of God is Quick, and Powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a Discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Hebrews 4:12 KJV*