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RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Peter 4:12-19

Most of us hated pop quizzes in school. On the spur of the moment, when the teacher would announce to put everything away, sheer panic would set in! Rest assured, if you are trying to walk righteously before the Lord, you are also being "pop-tested!" In fact, the deeper your walk with Christ, the more intense your testing will be. For without testing, there would be no way for our faith to be refined, to be strengthened, or to be proved genuine.

People seem to be caught by surprise when tested, because many of us still believe somehow we should not have any trials as followers of Christ. The purpose of these tests are for us to see our deficiencies and then work on our faith-weaknesses with God's help.

In times of trial, it may often seem to us that no one else sees or understands our pain or difficulties, but we must remember that God knows whose hearts have been touched by our noble conduct under pressure. God uses these trials to help us and others.

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