

Principles of Testing

- 1) Definition:
 - a) Testing is a process utilized to examine or evaluate an object or person for the purpose of determining the genuineness, authenticity, and/or capacity of the person or object being tested.
 - b) The testing of individuals is accomplished through various means (e.g. direct questions, physical hardships, etc.)
 - c) Testing must be distinguished from temptation which is the solicitation or enticement to participate in evil or sin.
 - d) Temptation always implies an evil intent, whereas testing **generally** implies more of a neutral intention.
 - e) Temptation is designed to be harmful, to cause one to pursue something that is not in their best interest, while testing is simply designed to obtain information about something.
 - f) Although God definitely test individuals, He does not tempt or entice anyone to participate in evil (James 1:13).
 - g) Temptation arises in the OSN and the world (James 1:14, 1 John 2:15-17).
- 2) Various categories of testing.
 - a) Man tests objects, concepts, and other “things.”

 - b) Man tests man.

 - c) God tests man.

 - d) Man tests God.

 - e) Testing and the CWL.

 - f) Failure to pass tests.