

# The Test of Persecution

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## **Matthew 5:10–12**

*Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

## **2 Corinthians 13:5**

*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test?*

## **2 Timothy 3:12**

*Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.*

## **John 15:20**

*Remember the word that I said to you, “A slave is not greater than his master.” If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you...*

Am I ready to be \_\_\_\_\_ for the sake of Christ?

1. Persecution should be \_\_\_\_\_

## **John 15:18**

*If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before it hated you.*

## **1 John 3:13**

*Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you.*

## **1 Peter 4:12**

*Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you...as though some strange thing were happening to you.*

2. Persecution should be \_\_\_\_\_

**2 Corinthians 4:17**

*For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.*

**Hebrews 11:24–26**

*By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to endure ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward.*

3. Persecution should be \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Peter 4:14–16**

*If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name.*