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“Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God.” Ro. 12:2 (TEV)

**WHAT TO REMEMBER ABOUT LIFE BEING A TEST**

* **Remember All Of Life Is A Test and My Character Is Developed By Those Tests**

“God withdrew from Hezekiah in order to test him and to see what was really in his heart.” 2 Chron. 32:31 (NLT)

* **Remember God Wants Me To Pass The Tests**

“God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.” 1 Cor. 10:13 (TEV)

* **Remember God Is Going To Reward Me For Passing The Tests**

“Blessed are those who endure when they are tested. When they pass the test, they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.” James 1:12 (GWT)

* **WHAT TO REMEMBER ABOUT LIFE BEING A TRUST**
* **Remember God Is Owner---I’m The Manager**

“The world and all that is in it belong to the LORD; the earth and all who live on it are his.” Ps. 24:1 (TEV)

“[God] blessed them, and said, ‘Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge.” “Gen. 1:28 (TEV)

* **Remember---Because God Owns It I Must Take The Best Care Of It That I Can**

 “Those who are trusted with something valuable must show they are worthy of that trust.” 1 Cor. 4:2 (NCV)

“If you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?” Lk. 16:11 (NLT)

* **Remember I Will Be Rewarded For Taking Good Care Of God’s Stuff!**

“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness.” Matt. 25:21 (NIV)

“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.” “Lk. 12:48 (NIV)