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DISASTER TESTING

The adult believer must develop the capacity to identify and differentiate from each other the four categories of the momentum testing. He has to identify the nature of the test in order to apply the proper problem-solving device and pass the test.

Disaster test is the subtlest test. The problem is not to identify the threat but to endure the shock and to maintain poise for decision-making under extreme pressure. It comes unexpected and without any warning, especially when the believer is in the attitude of happiness and relaxation.

There are two categories of disaster testing:

- Personal disaster
- Historical disaster
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A personal disaster may be physical pain caused by injury, disease, genetic weakness, or physical handicap. It may be mental anguish caused by loss of loved ones, reputation, property, wealth or health. It is the privations of hunger, exposure to weather, and the pains of severe poverty.

Historical disaster is a situation that brings grief to many people resulting to widespread damages caused by natural calamities, animal and plant pestilence, bacterial & viral epidemics that annihilate a population.

It could be caused by the cycles of a free economy manipulated by some big tycoon. It could be the result of some changes in the governmental policy making that causes as immediate pains and hardship in the life of the adult believers. It could be brought by the injustice of the political leadership.

When a nation declines spiritually, the evil of all sorts of crimes, terrorism, all kinds of violence, afflicts terrible suffering upon the entire nation and each individual believer.

When a nation suffers under divine discipline, God never disregards the faithfulness of individual believers. The spiritually autonomous believer uses all the problem-solving devices, directs his hope toward doctrine, his personal love toward God, is called impersonal love toward mankind. He acquired divine happiness toward himself. With these powerful assets he can not only survive the storm but also even enjoy it with total confidence in God's plan for his life.

Abram failed to use any problem-solving devices in economic depression but the Lord still provided his every need (Genesis 12:10-12:1). Abram neglected to use the doctrine he knew and manufactured necessary pressure for himself and was unable to enjoy God's provision as he could have.

In this you greatly rejoice, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold

which is perishable, even though tested by fire, may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; and though you have not seen Him, you love Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him, you greatly rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, (1 Peter 1:7-8)

In disaster testing, the spiritually adult uses the greatest of all problem-solving devices, the happiness of God, which is described as "inexpressible and glorious joy." God shares His happiness with the believer beginning from spiritual self-esteem, then more powerfully in spiritual autonomy, and more effectively in spiritual maturity. The adult believer inculcated with the mind of Christ is genuinely happy even in the most terrible situation and capable of coping up with any pressure in life. Bible doctrine prepared the believer for the worst thing in life.