

"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:" 1 Peter 1:7



Most are fairly congenial until something or someone goes against them. Then their true nature surfaces and sometimes it's "Katie bar the door." Some do not even try to put on a nice face, but are rotten to the core and could care less. God puts adversity into our lives to bring out the impurities that hinder our faith. We often hide our true feelings, because they are unacceptable to others, but we never consider the fact that God looks on the heart. God sees all and His fiery trials bring our dross to the surface to be removed. Gold will stand intense heat without changing, but the impurities contained in it will float to the surface. The hotter the fire, the more impurities will surface. By heating and reheating the gold, it can be refined down to the point where there are no impurities left. Pure gold will not tarnish or rust. Pure faith is the currency of Heaven. Christ instructs the Laodicean Church to "*buy gold of me tried in the fire.*" The trials of life refine our faith into the pure gold of Heaven. If we yield our dross to the Refiner's testing, we will "*come forth as gold.*" No scourging is ever pleasant and no test is ever wanted, but God puts every child to the test. If you are not tested then God's Word says you are a "*bastard*" and not a son. The testing in your life is guarantee that you are a child of the KING and that He loves you. Most Divine testing is at best uncomfortable and at worst excruciatingly painful. Sometimes our hearts break as we watch a loved one under the hand of God. Sometimes we break under the pressure. Rest assured, the Lord knows what He is doing. I'm quite certain that David Livingston, Hudson Taylor, and David Brainerd had their doubts at times, but their lives serve as inspiration to us all. I'm sure Elizabeth Elliot questioned the hand of God when her husband Jim was speared to death in the Ecuadorian jungle, but his death inspired hundreds to carry the Gospel to the South American rain forests. He had written in his journal, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Never doubt in the dark what God has shown you in the light. Mountain top views are never seen in the valley, but they remain just the same.

Faith, mighty Faith! The promises that look to God alone!
Laughs at impossibilities and shouts, "It shall be done!" ~Author unknown

Believe it or not!

"To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." Revelation 3:21