



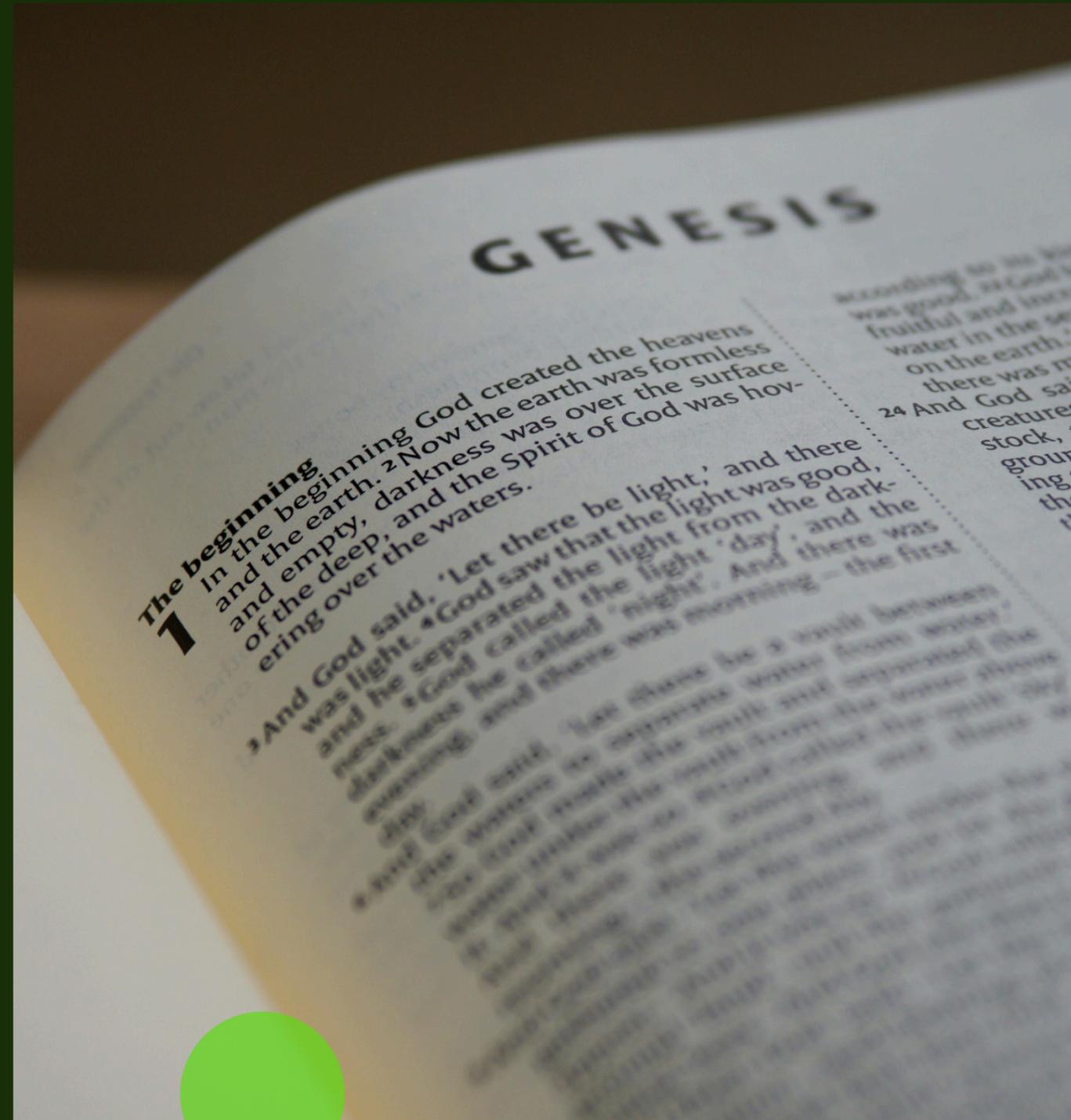
**Life in the Word Series:**  
**THE FRUITS OF COMPROMISE**  
**(Avoiding Shameful Situations)**



**November  
Sermon Series  
Can GOD TRUST  
YOU?**



# Lesson Two: Am I Being Tested?

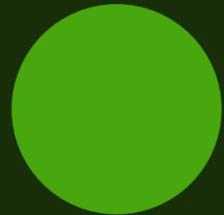


**I Thessalonians 2:4, Rather, we are always spreading the Good News. God TRUSTS us to do this because we passed His test. We don't try to please people but God, who tests our motives.**



**James 1:2-4, Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.**

# Seven Tests That God Permits:



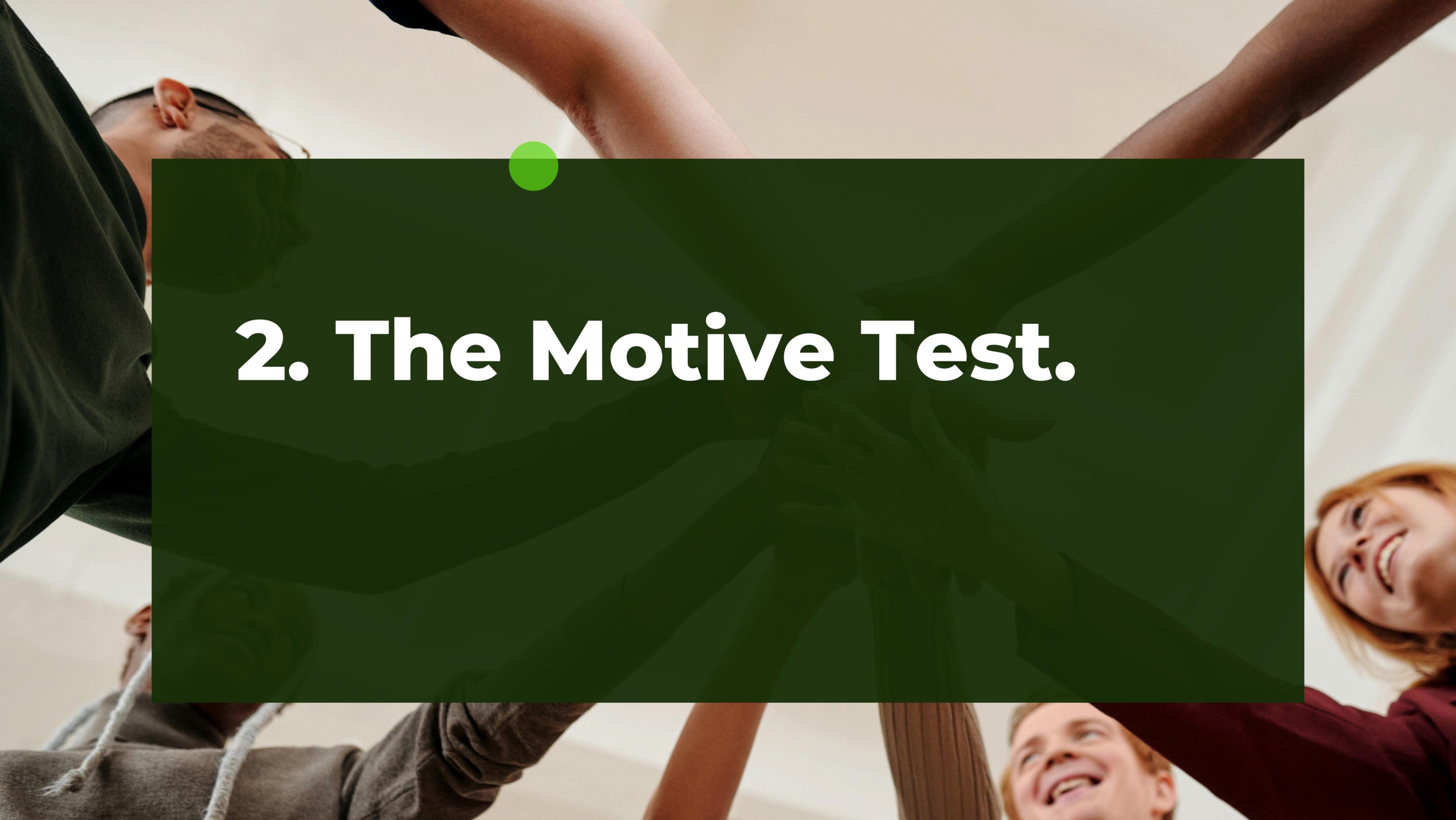


# 1. The Test of Small Things

**Luke 16:10, Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with very much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with very much.**

**THE PRINCIPLE: Christians who desires to do great things for God will only achieve them by first demonstrating faithfulness in the small things.**

**“Faithfulness in little things is a big thing.”**

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## **2. The Motive Test.**

**Matthew 6:1, Be careful not to do your acts of righteousness before people to be seen by them. If you do you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.**

**THE PRINCIPLE: Why we do something will ultimately determine what we do and how we will do it.**

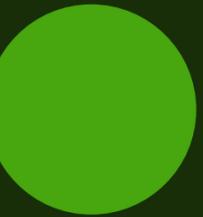


# **3. The Integrity Test**

**PROVERBS 28:6, BETTER IS A POOR  
MAN WHO WALKS IN HIS INTEGRITY  
THAN A RICH MAN WHO IS  
CROOKED IN HIS WAYS.**

**THE PRINCIPLE: A Christian  
must always walk in integrity  
of heart, even when God is my  
only audience.**

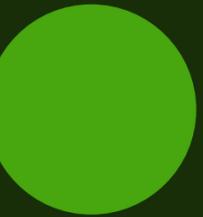
**“Wisdom is knowing the  
right path to take; integrity  
is taking it.”**



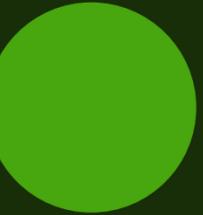


# 4. The Authority Test

**Hebrews 13:7, Obey your  
leaders and submit to them;  
for they keep watch over  
your souls, as those who will  
give an account.**



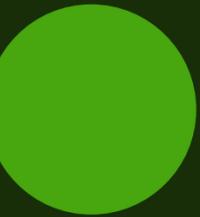
**THE PRINCIPLE: A person  
must first learn to come under  
authority before they can be  
trusted with authority.**





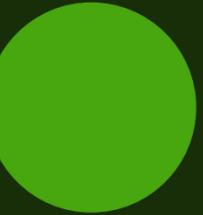
# **5. THE REJECTION TEST**

**1 Peter 2:20-23, But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. To this you were called because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps.**



**I Peter 2:20-23, He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in His mouth.  
When they hurled their insults at Him,  
He did not retaliate; when He suffered,  
He made no threats. Instead, He  
entrusted Himself to Him who judges  
justly.**

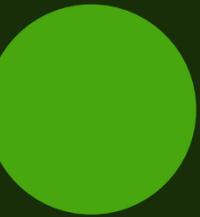
**THE PRINCIPLE: My attitude  
determines my ministry.  
When I lose my attitude, I  
lose my ministry.**





# **6. SELF-LEADERSHIP TEST**

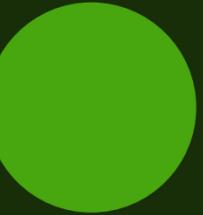
**THE PRINCIPLE: I can only  
take others as far as I have  
taken myself.**



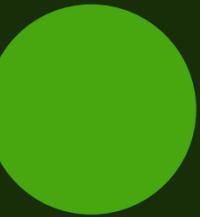


# **7. THE FAITHFULNESS TEST**

**John 17:4, Father, I have  
brought you glory on earth  
by completing the work You  
gave me to do.**



**THE PRINCIPLE: Leadership  
emergence is a lifetime  
process that results in  
leaders finishing well.**



**“Beginning well is a momentary thing; finishing well is a lifelong thing.”**

**Are You Available?**