

PASSING GOD'S TESTS

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Same events / issues:

Temptations $\leftrightarrow$ Trials $\leftrightarrow$ Tests

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1. A joyful mindset!

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I never thought about this before till an individual mentioned it to me...

“I’m not a good test-taker!”

Well, as believers, we must learn to be a good test-taker!

HOW?

➤ **Count = consider | regard | calculate | reckon | count**

This is a **mental** judgment

This is a **value** judgment

- God sent the test!
- Or, God allowed the test
- God is testing us for good

➤ God **never** allows anything we can't handle... **WITH HIM!**

1 Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is **common to man**: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a (τὴν ἑκβασιν) **way** to escape, **that ye may be able to bear it.**

➤ **God tests out of love!**

Revelation 3:19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten:
be zealous therefore, and repent.

➤ **God tests for our good future!**

➤ **God tests us to show Himself strong on our behalf!**

1 Samuel 17:33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not
able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for
thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his
youth.

1 Samuel 17:34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

1 Samuel 17:35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

1 Samuel 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

1 Samuel 17:37 David said moreover, The LORD that delivered me **out of the paw of the lion, and **out of** the paw of the bear, he will deliver me **out of** the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.**

University:

First class / course

First quiz

First test

First semester

First year

**I KNOW WHAT GOD HAS DONE & WHAT HE
CAN DO!**

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worketh patience.

2. An informed mind / understanding

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We are people of the Book

And we must know the Book

And we must know it **personally!**

Romans 8:28 And **we know** that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2 Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for **I know** whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Romans 5:3 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: **knowing** that tribulation worketh patience;

Romans 5:4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

2 Corinthians 5:1 For **we know** that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Psalms 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: But now have I kept thy word.

Psalms 119:71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; That I might learn thy statutes.

Psalms 119:75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgments are right, And that thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.

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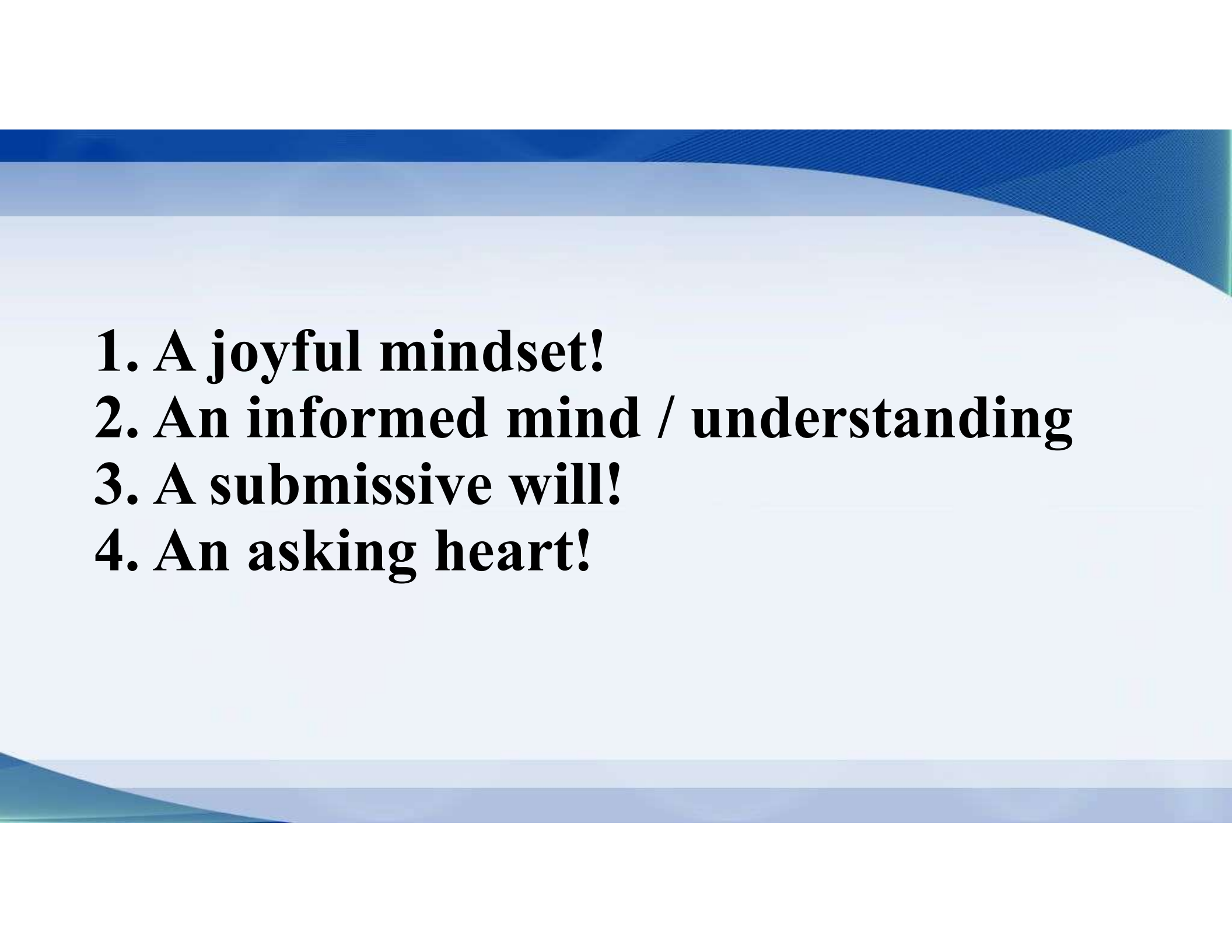
Conversations this week went on & on about one thing: HEALTH!

Let = Let the process work itself out! Let God complete His work! A perfect work → perfectly complete!

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4. An asking heart!

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