

Strange Ministers

Need

2 Cor 12:1-10

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Deut 8:1-16

1. God uses Need to Empty us of Pride v2

“And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that He might humble you...”

[1] the pride of Self-Centeredness

[2] the pride of Self-Sufficiency and Self-Will

Nu 14:27

Need can expose our pride. It can also move us to abandon our self-sufficiency and self-will.

2. to Expose the Wickedness in our Hearts v2

“... testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.”

Deut 8:16

Gen 22

Judg 2:22

1 Peter and James

Why would God need to know what is in our heart?

Ps 139

🍏 To show US what's there

Mt 26:31

Ex 19:8, 24:7

HOW TO TAKE A TEST?

Wrestle with him about what he's doing in our lives

3. to Teach Us Dependence on Him v3

Their most basic need... FOOD. Every day they needed God to provide

“... that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD”

Mt 4

Ex 16

4. to Do Good for You v16

“...to do good for you in the end”

Gen 50:20