



The Good Test

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Isn't the coming of spring something exciting? I look forward to spring every year. The trees start budding... the flowers start blooming. Ah! It's so refreshing!

In my old home town in New Hampshire, they celebrate the coming of spring with a festival called "Lilac Time." It's such an exciting time and everyone from all over NH comes to participate in the festivities. There is a big parade, rides, food, and lots of fun and exciting contests. And to top it all off, fireworks and a fireman's parade! Our whole family enjoys this time together.

Now, you might be wondering, "What does this have to do with anything?" And the answer, my dear friends, is this. Our family uses this time of year as an opportunity to reach out to the lost souls around us and tell them about the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

How do we do it? It's simple! We set up a little booth right on the main street and put up a large banner over our booth saying, "Come Take the Good Test." This attracts a lot of attention! People will come over to check it out. Dad, who is sitting behind the booth, will ask the people if they want to take the "Good Test."

Most of the time, people agree, so Dad begins the test. He's sitting there with a pencil in his hand and a paper in front of him. Very professional looking, you know! He then looks at his paper and reads the first line on the test.

"Do you see yourself as a pretty good person?" Yes/No

Most people right off the bat say, "Yeah, I think I'm pretty good."

Dad circles the "Yes" and goes on to the next question.

"If you were to die right now, and God were to look you in the face, and ask you why He should let you into Heaven, what would you say to Him?"

It is then that the people get a very puzzled look on their face. They just stand there, thinking. Sometimes the people will give their answer right off, but sometimes they really have to think. After a while, the people will kind of straighten up and say, "Well, He'd have to let me into Heaven because I'm a pretty good person."

Dad writes in their answer. He then proceeds to ask the people the next questions.

When he finishes asking the questions, Dad tallies up the score at the bottom and shows the people their test score. He reads to them:

BY YOUR OWN ADMISSION YOU ARE A

Lying, Thieving, Adulterer at heart. God sees you as a Murderer who has Dishonored your parents, and has Cursed His holy name.

Grade: In the light of God's Word, the Ten Commandments, how do you grade yourself??? Did you... **PASS or FAIL???**

Wow! The people are completely shocked. They lean down close to Dad and ask, "I never knew I was like that! How do I get to Heaven?"

And it is at this point, Dad presents to them the saving gospel of Jesus Christ!



What a wonderful way for us as Christians to share the gospel with others. This might be a good idea for some of you to use in upcoming festivals that you have in your home town. The Lord will bless you.

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (Matthew 28:19&20). 🌸

Questions:

1. Have you ever told a lie? (white lie, fib? half-truth?)

Yes/No

2. Have you ever stolen anything? (pen, candy etc...?)

Yes/No

3. Have you ever looked upon a woman/man with impure thoughts in your mind?

Yes/No

4. Have you ever been so angry that you hated someone?

Yes/No

5. Have you always every, time, honored your parents?

Yes/No

6. Have you ever used God's holy name as a curse word?

Yes/No

"Evangelism is always the child of revival."