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We need to test God's Word because His Word will be tested in our lives.

1 Corinthians 13:9–10

"For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully."

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- Not necessarily bad... but they are just <u>not God!</u>

3. The Submission Test

Proverbs 1:5-7

"A wise man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel to understand a proverb and a figure, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction."

Hearing God should be bring humility, not encourage pride.

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- Confirm it through spiritual authorities (Romans 13:4).

A heart of humility smooths out the road of revelation.

