Life's Tests of Character Genesis 44:1-17 June 13, 2021

introduction: academic tests, tests of character

1. Life includes things that <u>test</u> our character (Genesis 44:1-17). Always do what is right in obedience to God's word.

supporting Scriptures: Genesis 42:13-20 Genesis 22:1-14; Hebrews 11:17-19 Exodus 16:4 Deuteronomy 8:2 Isaiah 48:10 Job 23:10 1 Peter 1:6-7 James 1:2-4

2. God uses tests of character to bring to light certain <u>sins</u> that we have tried to cover up (Genesis 44:16). Confess those sins and receive His forgiveness.

supporting Scriptures: Genesis 42:21-23, 28 Numbers 32:23 Proverbs 28:13 1 John 1:9

God brings out into the _____open____ the sin that we try to cover up, and God covers up (with forgiveness) the sin that we bring out into the open by confessing it to Him.