

## THE TEST *by Tim Bass*

**GENRE:** Drama

**SYNOPSIS:** A struggling college student is faced with a moral dilemma.

**TIME:** 3-5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 1M, 1F

**THEME:** Temptation; Honesty

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** James 1:12-15

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Sermon starter, worship service

**CHARACTERS:**

DANNY - 18-20 years old

TERI - 18-20 years old

**PROPS:** A test (few pages of questions and answers, i.e. a college exam)

**COSTUMES:** Contemporary

**SOUND:** Two wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Unspecified

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** While not strictly called for, it may be helpful to have Danny (and perhaps Teri) wearing backpacks slung over their shoulders in order to help 'sell' the scene.

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*Lights up on DANNY. He addresses the audience.*

**DANNY:** So I'm on my way to a class when I hear this voice behind me.

**TERI:** *(Stepping into light.)* Hey, Danny! Danny!

**DANNY:** *(To audience)* It's Teri, this girl I took some classes with.

*(To TERI)* Hey. Teri. What's going on? How are you?

**TERI:** Good. I'm good. You?

**DANNY:** Good. Great. Fine. What's up?

**TERI:** Just headed to work. I'm doing a few hours a week at the campus coffee shop. Thought that was you—thought I'd say hello. Haven't seen you since Chemistry.

**DANNY:** Yeah—that was tough. I barely made it out with a C. How'd you do?

**TERI:** OK. Not bad. A minus.

**DANNY:** Whoa.

**TERI:** It wasn't easy. Anyway...where you headed?

**DANNY:** New class. Organizational Behavior.

**TERI:** With Dr. Brendlinger?

**DANNY:** The very same.

**TERI:** Ouch!

**DANNY:** That bad?

**TERI:** Worse.

**DANNY:** Ouch!

**TERI:** Precisely.