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Contamination can cause serious damage. Camp Lejeune in North Carolina experienced contamination from dry cleaning waste and underground fuel tanks that exposed veterans to cancer-causing contaminants for the next thirty years. That was a contamination issue that was not dealt with and caused tremendous damage. McDonald's briefly had to pull their quarter pounders due to e. coli contamination. They identified the problem, pulled the burger, and corrected the issue to resume business. Christians may not realize that we can experience spiritual contamination. If that is the case we need to identify it, separate from the contaminant, and cleanse ourselves. If we do not deal with spiritual contamination, it ruins relationships, most importantly, our relationship with God. How does Paul tell us to treat spiritual contamination?

1. We are instructed to test our _____ and evaluate our _____ to avoid that which separates us from God.

2. We are to understand the mandate and apply _____ from all that ruins our relationship with God.

3. We are to _____ ourselves from sin and strive toward _____.