**Never (Blindly) Trust the Strategy Tester!**

***NOTE:****Some of the limitations mentioned in this video have recently been addressed by a new update to Pine Script. After watching this video I highly recommend watching this next video which explains how the new update improves the Strategy Tester's behavior:30 May 2022 Update Video*[*30th May 2022 Update Video*](https://courses.theartoftrading.com/courses/take/pine-script-mastery/lessons/35703721-30th-may-2022-important)*.*

**This lesson is a much-watch video for all traders, not just Pine Scripters.**

It explores some of the dangerous limitations of TradingView's Strategy Tester.

While strategy scripts can be a helpful guide in both identifying profitable strategies and potentially automating them, it should never be relied upon alone for accurate information.

There are some limitations of the Strategy Tester that can and often does result in the Tester giving false readings - usually in the form of making a strategy appear profitable when in fact it might not be.

The only way to accurately verify if a strategy is profitable is to manually backtest your strategies. Manual backtesting does not guarantee that the strategy is profitable either, but it's the best we have as traders.

The way I approach this problem is by creating strategy scripts to analyze markets to identify ***potentially*** profitable strategies, and then I manually backtest every market that shows promise through the Tester system - prioritizing those markets that produce the best results in the Tester.

This saves an incredible amount of time in the backtesting process by informing me which markets to focus on first and which ones to maybe ignore entirely - and this is the reason why I continue to use the TradingView Strategy Tester despite the dangerous limitations addressed in this lesson.

[Click here](http://www.backtestingfx.com/) to learn more about the manual backtesting process.