



Only Time Will Tell

I have had multiple jobs, as I am sure many have. And as most do, in each one of those jobs I went through a probation period, some periods longer than others. But in each one of those periods my character was tested and tried. As each one of these probation periods came to an end, my supervisor or owner of the company would tell me that the time I had spent in those months was not so much a testing of knowledge, but was more about testing my character to see if I was someone he could trust, someone that could get along with others, and someone that could learn.

Our character is constantly being tested and tried through jobs, relationships, ministry, or countless other means. The real question is: what does our character look like? We see in Philippians 2:22 that Paul wrote, concerning Timothy, “But you know his proven character...” This means that Timothy’s character had been tested, tried, and found true. Timothy was a man Paul trusted greatly and could stake his word on. Timothy was a man who was faithful and whose character glorified the Lord.

Our character is proven through time and testing, and it’s important for us as believers to realize that our character is always being tested and seen by those around us. We, as followers of Christ, should seek to glorify the Lord in this, knowing that our character represents the Lord and can be a light in our workplaces, schools, homes, and everyplace we set our feet. What should our character look like? By the power and will of God, may our character be proven and true, known to be faithful, trustworthy, and ultimately Christ-like—for His glory and His kingdom!

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