

## **Character Test**

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### **Ready:**

You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to be distressed by various trials so that the genuineness of your faith—more valuable than gold, which perishes though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.—1 Peter 1:6

### **Set**

What do we consider to be the “trials” of our sport? What parts of our character are tied into those trials? Do they test our wills, our bodies, our attitudes, our emotions, or all the above? How deeply are we affected by those trials?

In 1 Peter 1:6, we read, “You rejoice in this, though now for a short time you have had to be distressed by various trials.”

We all can find great enjoyment and fulfillment in playing the game. In fact, many of us seemingly live for competition. But the trying parts of the process often wear us down. The disappointment and frustration that comes with sore muscles, painful joints, disappointing losses, and strained relationships can bring us down.

We greatly rejoice in the best parts of our game, but we also, for a little while, may have to undergo plenty of grief. Today, let’s focus our minds on our favorite parts of the game. Put the grief and the trials behind us. Keep a clear view of our team’s goals and press on toward a great finish!

### **Go**

1. What part of competition/practice do you dread the most? Why?
2. How can you look at that activity in a positive light?
3. What attitude would Jesus want you to have?

### **Workout**

Extra Reading: Psalm 119:50; James 1:2-4,12; 1 Peter 4:12-13

### **Overtime**

Father, I admit that there are things about competition that I do not enjoy. Help me to see those tasks through Your eyes and to bring You glory in everything I do. Amen.



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