

## *Conduct is the best proof of Character!*

There is a story told of a priest walking to church one evening, when a thief pulled a gun on him and demanded his money or his life. When he reached in his pocket to hand over his wallet, the robber saw his clerical collar and said; " I see you are a priest. Never mind, you can go!" The priest, surprised by the robber's unexpected act of mercy, offered him a candy bar. The robber said, " No thank you, I don't eat candy during Lent."

The man gave up candy as a supposed sacrifice for Lent, but his lifestyle of stealing showed his real character. If someone tells you that they are a godly person, their actions speak louder than their words. This was true during Jesus' time. He condemned the Pharisees and exposed their sins for professing godliness but denying that profession with the way they acted toward those in need for help. Appearances and words are deceiving; behavior is the best judge of character. This applies to all of us.

As disciples of Christ, we demonstrated our love for Him by what we do, not just by what we say. May our devotion to Jesus Christ our savior, be revealed in our actions that we do. So conduct yourselves well, someone is always watching!!

*together through prayer and service*

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