

SERIES: "SEEN"

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"YOUR CHARACTER IN THE WORLD"

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CHARACTER: the aggregate of features and traits that form the individual nature of some person or thing – dictionary.com

"We are what we repeatedly do." – ARISTOTLE

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

– UNKNOWN

Our character affects every area of our lives

- Decisions/Choices
- Actions
- Goals
- Words
- Attitudes
- Relationships

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER is essentially being _____ Christ

"Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and **your life is now hidden with Christ in God.** When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory." – COL 3:1-4

- The highest _____ of character is **set forth** in Scripture and exemplified in Jesus Christ: acting, loving, leading, giving, sharing, teaching, honoring God and sacrificing like Him
- All who are _____ about following Christ are invited and encouraged to attain **moral excellence** through a life of trusting God and resisting the evil influences that surround us and arise from within us

WHY IS OUR CHARACTER SO IMPORTANT?

Our integrity is put to the test every day, in virtually every situation. We are being watched closely to see how we will respond. The choice of our **walk** matching our **talk**, our **behavior** matching our **beliefs**, our **character** matching our **confession** is left to us. What will we do?

THE BIBLE ON CHARACTER

"⁵Make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone. ⁸The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But those who fail to develop in this way are shortsighted or blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their old sins. ¹⁰So, dear brothers and sisters, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has called and chosen. Do these things, and you will never fall away. ¹¹Then God will give you a grand entrance into the eternal Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." – 2 PET 1:5-11

OUR CHARACTER IS BUILT ON AND DEVELOPED THROUGH

1. Through the _____ we make

"Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live!" – DEUT 30:19

2. Over _____

"So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." – ROM 10:17

"Don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves." – JAS 1:22

3. With _____

"Choose today whom you will serve." – JOSH 24:15

"Train yourself to be godly." – 1 TIM 4:7

4. And is shaped by the _____ we keep

"Bad company corrupts good character." – 1 COR 15:33

"Walk with the wise and become wise; associate with fools and get in trouble." – PROV 13:20