

CHARACTER

Proverbs 22:1; Ecclesiastes 7:1

There are many synonyms for the word Character are: charm, appeal, personality, _____, integrity, strength, uprightness, reputation, _____ fiber. *Proverbs 22:1a* "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches", and *Ecclesiastes 7:1a* "A good name is better than precious ointment" are important ideas that God has chosen to share with us so that we might chart our life course by them.

- I. Helpful list of character building _____
- A. Keeping our _____
 - B. Taking care of our obligations _____
 - C. Faithfulness in our _____ to God and His work
 - D. Raising our _____ in the fear of the Lord
 - E. Honesty, at all _____
 - F. _____ the words that come from our mouth
 - G. Doing what we know we should do _____ it should be done
- II. Other word used in Scripture for Character
- A. Proverbs 11:3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them; but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them. (Used 4 times in Job describing the character of Job)
 - B. Proverbs 13:6 Righteousness keepeth *him that is upright* in the way; but wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
 - C. Proverb 19:1 Better *is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he that is perverse in his lips, and is a fool.*
 - D. Proverb 20:7 The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.
- III. Bible examples of Character
- A. 1 Samuel 12:1-4 _____
 - B. 1 Samuel 24:1-15; 26:1-11 _____
 - C. I Samuel 24:16-18; 26:12-25 Saul's affirmation of the good character of David. Those not _____ with God should always be required, by our actions, to take _____ of our integrity.
- IV. Godly Character produces Godly _____ and behavior
1. Godly _____ living
 2. Godly, _____ convictions in our life
 3. _____ of sin and repentance
 - a. 1 Samuel 24:5 David's heart was _____ when he cut off the skirt of King Saul showing disrespect for the one God had placed in leadership
 - b. 2 Samuel 12:13 David _____ that he had committed grave sin when he was confronted by Nathan
 - c. 2 Samuel 24:10 David's heart was _____ when he numbered the people of Israel to see how powerful a nation he was king over instead of trusting in the power of God

Conclusion: *Isaiah 29:13* Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men. Character is not determined by what comes _____ of our mouth, but

by what comes out our _____ and our daily actions. Too many Christians live with unconfessed sin in their life. Too many Christian families are breaking up and _____ God. Too many Christians find nothing wrong with _____, cheating, stealing, living _____, and following the dictates and attitudes of the unsaved world. Godly character will keep a believer _____ following the ungodly ways of the world. (Cf. II, A-D)