

CHARACTER & POWER

Character Benefits

Foundation Statement: What's on the line if we don't develop in character? Developing in character qualifies you for the greater. Staying underdeveloped in character has kept us unqualified to receive the greater.

I. God doesn't reward rebellion; God rewards character (Jeremiah 17:10)

- A. In the New Testament we know that God has already given and the system is set up in a way that you can't receive (access) what He's given without character
 - 1. It's not God in Heaven waiting for you to do something right & then throwing you a bone; that would be u earning the reward & the reward wouldn't be by grace
 - a. All of these promises were given as act of grace, so you can't do anything to earn what God has given because he has given it by grace
 - 2. Character is a key component in you gaining access to what God has already given to you
 - a. The system is set up so that you cannot get to what God has already given without the component of character being in place
 - b. The system is set up like this, u can be born again, but born-again people who walk in a low level of character will not access greater things laid up for them
 - 3. The system is not set up where you can continue to rebel against what God said (being a person of low character) and then see all of these good things that God has for you come to pass in your life
- B. If the system wasn't set up like that and you could receive what God has given to you without character being in place, then what you received from Him would end up hurting you
 - 1. Galatians 4:1-2
 - a. Child – Refers to a child too young to talk; a minor spiritually and intellectually immature and not ready for the privileges and responsibilities of adulthood
 - b. The time appointed of the Father for you to have what's already yours is the time where your character has developed to the point that you can be trusted with it
 - 2. Character is the proof that you can handle the manifestation of the greater
 - a. 2 Peter 1:5 – Add to your faith character
 - 3. Proverbs 1:32 – A fool's prosperity will destroy him
 - a. God's not going to be apart of yours destruction because he's not the destroyer

II. You'll never enjoy the greater if you don't qualify for it with character

- A. Being underdeveloped in character has kept us from the greater reward

1. Proverbs 28:20 – You can be born again and right with God, but if you're not faithful you cannot abound in blessings
 2. Hebrews 11:6 – You can be born again and right with God, but if you don't walk in the character of diligence you will not get the reward
 3. Hebrews 6:12 – You can be born again and right with God, but if you don't walk in the character of faith and patience you won't inherit the promises
- B. Being underdeveloped in character keeps us from the greater assignment-Lk 19:17
1. God loves you and you're right with him, but he can't trust you with the greater assignment when you haven't been a person of character with the one he gave you now; Promotion doesn't come to people who don't walk in character
 2. Job 8:7
 - a. No matter what God has given you to do and no matter how small it is, you treat it like it's the most important thing on this planet and you be a person of character with that thing
 - b. Many people never get to the great increase because they weren't a person of character in the small
 - c. God is looking for people who will be faithful with the small because those are the ones He can trust with the great (Luke 16:10)
 - d. Be busy being a person of character in the "small" things
 - 1) For the longest time we've thought we ready for the great thing when we haven't even been a person of character in the "small" thing
 3. Character is the proof that you can handle the greater assignment
- C. Being underdeveloped in character has kept us from the greater anointing
1. The power we walk in will only be as great as the character that we've developed
 2. The anointing level will rise as the character level rises
 3. You are as much like Jesus in power as you are like him in character
 4. Character is the proof that you can handle the greater anointing