

## CHARACTER & POWER

### A Call For Character

**Foundation Statement:** Before there is ever going to be an operation of God's power, there's going to be a call for character

#### **I. Jesus character is being tested (Matthew 4:1)**

A. Tempted – test, examine, prove, try; for the purpose of ascertaining how he will behave himself; to try or test one's character in order to prove his character and the steadfastness of his faith

#### **II. Jesus did not walk in the power of God b/c he was the son of God; He had to qualify with character**

A. Jesus did not walk in character because he was the son of God

B. It was not any more easy for him to resist than it is for you to resist (Hebrews 2:17)

C. Jesus emptied himself of his divinity & did what he did as a man (Phil 2:6, Acts 10:38)

D. The anointing has just come on Jesus and Satan shows up to stop the anointing. His method is can he get Jesus to violate character because if he does there will be no operation of power. (Matthew 3:19)

#### **III. Without proving and qualification of character there will be no operation of power**

A. Jesus did no miracles up until this point

B. Jesus character response: It is written or this is what's right

C. Luke 4:14-Jesus passed the character test & qualified himself for this power (30,32,38-40,5:7)

D. Character preceded power even in the case of Jesus