BUILDING BLOCKS OF CHARACTER

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Title:
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Text: 2 Timothy 2:2, Genesis 50:20

Prayer
Shall we pray? Heavenly Father we thank you for this opportunity. Holy Spirit lead us as we are going to study your Word in Jesus name. Amen.

Study
The title of my message is Building Blocks of **Character** . **Character** is very important in our Christian life.

What do we mean by Character?
According to D. L. Moody, **Character** is who you are when you are in the dark.

Dictionary :" **Character** refers especially to moral qualities, ethical standards, principles and the like".

By **Character** we mean your moral, ethical and spiritual foundation that rests on truth, reinforces life, and resists the temptation to compromise. **2 Timothy 2:2,** "Commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also". The principle is that we are to look for **Character** in leaders and God will add the ability. The problem of the Churches of today is to give positions of responsibility to men of talent or ability, and then frustrate themselves attempting to produce **in them.** Faithfulness is the cornerstone for building **Character**, family, business, and Church. Joseph had that quality of faithfulness.
"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result, to preserve

many people alive", **Genesis 50:20.** Joseph would be able to say to his brothers that "Ye thought evil against me, but God meant it for good". A man of **Character** when facing adversity, he remains faithful. But to one with bad character flees away. Charisma can take us up, but it doesn't keep us up. It's Character that keeps us up. **Character** can and must be developed! Some of the building blocks involved in the process are :

1.Hereditary

The reality is we inherit from our parents both good and bad genes leading to good or bad characteristics. The good news is that God can supersede and correct any bad characteristics. **Character** is also by choice.

2.Childhood upbringing

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it", **Proverbs 22:6.**

In raising our children we are laying foundations of Character in our children 's life!

3. Suffering and Character

According to **Romans 5:3-4**"Suffering produces perseverance ;perseverance Character ;and Character hope ".

What can we do to develop our Character?

(1) Search for the cracks, "Examine me, O LORD, and try me ;Test my mind and my heart", **Psalms 26:2** "You have tried my heart ;You have visited me by night ;You have tested me and You find nothing ;I have purposed that my mouth will not transgress", **Psalms 17:3.** We should look at the major areas of our life (work, finances, families, friends, spiritual life, etc.) and identify where we might have cut corners, compromised, or let people down.

(**2) We should look for patterns** - is there a particular area where we have weakness, or do we have a type of problem that keeps surfacing?

(3) Relationships shape our Character

"Do not be misled :Bad company corrupts good Character", **1 Corinthians15:33.** So we should be very careful with the people whom we associate with. "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another", **Proverbs 27:17.**

(4) Be in an accountability structure

Meeting regularly with some of our peers that we can trust to speak into our lives. It is not enough to be only accountable to God - we also need fellow Christians to be accountable to!

(5) We should guard our hearts

"Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life", **Proverbs 4:23.**

(6) We should be transformed

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect", **Romans 12:2.**

5. God and my Character

God actively works with us in developing and building our Character ! The new birth "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature ;the old things passed away ;behold, new things have come**",2 Corinthians 5:17.** He is never finished with us "Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away ;and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit", **John 15:2.**

Here, we can see that God is interested in bearing fruit(Character). He disciplines us, **Hebrews 12:5-12**. He empowers us, **Acts 1:8.**

Conclusion

God 's assignments are always based on **Character** . Character is who you are when nobody sees you. And it can and must be developed. God is interested in our Character.So let's allow God's Word to transform us.

Thanks

Invitation

If you know that you are still living in sin and you are ready to repent and begin to live your life in strict obedience to God so that you can overcome every sin in your life to make heaven, please place your right hand on your chest and say this prayer with your mouth.

Say,

"Lord Jesus, I accept You as my personal Lord and Savior. I believe that You died for me and took away my sins so that I will not face the penalty of them. I surrender my life to You today, and I make a decision to obey and follow You. Come into my life now and accept me as Your child. Thank You for saving me, in Jesus Christ's name I pray, Amen."

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