

GODLY CHARACTER

PSALM 15

INTRODUCTION

- Psalm 78:72 says “ And David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them. I believe one of the most important qualification for Christian service is, Godly character. When apostle Paul gave the list of qualification for church leaders in 1Timothy 3:1-7.

INTRODUCTION

- We see that all the qualifications deals with character. Paul does not say anything about the gifts as a qualification in that list.
- We do need gifted people in ministry but godly character is more important than gifts.
- Let us learn from the Word of God the definition, formation and characteristics of Godly character.

DEFINITION OF CHARACTER

- The Old Testament concept of integrity is of “wholeness” and blamelessness.”
- A person of integrity, according to the Old Testament understanding, is a “ what you see on the outside is what you get on the inside” individual.

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- Character comes from the Greek word describing a marking and engraving instrument. The picture is an artist who wears a groove on a metal plate by repeatedly etching in the same place with the sharp tool.

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HOW IS THE CHARACTER FORMED?

- There are many factors which shapes our character.
- Inheritance
- Culture
- Environment
- Life experiences

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- Education
- Salvation
- Holy spirit
- Word of God
- Godly company
- Success and suffering

CHARACTERISTICS OF GODLY CHARACTER

- When we survey the Bible about godly character we find that there are many biblical passages which speak on the subject of godly character.
- Here is the partial list of those passages:

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- Exodus 20; Psalm 15; Proverbs; Micah 6:8; Matthew 5; Galatians 5:22-26; Ephesians 4:25-32; Philippians 2:5-8; Colossians 3:12-17; 1Thessalonians 4:3-8; 1Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9 and 2 Peter 1:5-9.
- All these passages and many more like these talks about godly character in the Bible.

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- We should be morally pure. Exodus 20
- We should have the fruit of the Spirit.
Galatians 5:22-26
- We should live a humble life. Philippians 2
- We should be faithful in every area of our life. Psalm 15

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- We should have a Godly conversation.
- We should forgive as God has forgiven us in Christ Jesus.
- We should not tolerate injustice. Micah 6:8
- We should live a life of obedience.
Philippians 2:5-8

CONCLUSION

- Godly character is a character which imitate Christ in area. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:1 “ Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”
- In summary, I believe Godly character is to become like Jesus Christ in every area of our life.