

## A CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

2 Samuel 11:1-2

Character : One of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish an individual . The particular combination of qualities in a person or place that makes them different from others .

We , must look at the life that we live now being a new person in Christ . The old things are done away with . We are a new new creature . What does our character say about us today ? Don't let the world , predict who you are . See the world does not know you if they don't know Christ . They should be able to just look at you and see Christ in you . By the way we carry our self . They will tell you , its something about you that is different from others . **That's a Christian Character .**

### Examples

**King David** – Was a man of **good character** , although he **sinned on occasion** .

1 . 1 Samuel 13:14        **Saul** makes his first mistake    vs **(10)** Samuel came Saul out to meet him

A . But now thy kingdom shall not continue : the Lord hath sough him a man after his own heart , and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people , because thou hast **not kept that which the Lord commanded thee** .

B . But now your kingdom will not continue . **The Lord was looking for a man who wants to obey him !** The Lord has found that man – and the Lord is choosing him to be the new leader of his people . You didn't obey the Lord's command , **so the Lord is choosing a new leader** .

2 . 2 Samuel 11:1-2        **David** meets **Bathsheba**

A . And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But **David tarried still at Jerusalem**. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

B . In the spring time when **kings go out to war** , David sent Joab , his officers , and all of the Isrealites out to destroy the Ammonites . Joab's army also attacked their capital city ,rabbah . But **David stayed in Jerusalem** . In the evening , he got up from his bed . He walked around on the roof of the kings house . While David was on the roof , **he saw a woman bathing** . **The woman was very beautiful** .

### 3 . King Ahab – May have **acted nobly once** , overall still a man of **bad character**

#### 1 . 1 King 22:35

A . And the battle increased that day: **and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians**, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

B . The armies continued to fight . King Ahab stayed in his chariot . He was leaning against the sides of the chariot . **He was looking at the army of aram** . His blood flowed down and covered the bottom of the chariot . Later in the evening , the king died .

#### 2 . 1 Kings 16:33

A . And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

B . Ahab also set up a special pole for worshiping Asherah . Ahab did more things to make the Lord the God of Israel angry than all the other kings who were before him .

### 4 . Ruth - Noble Character

#### 1 . Ruth 3:11

A . And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman.

B . Now , young woman , don't be afraid . I will do the things you ask . All the people in our town know that you are a very good woman .

### 5 . Hanani – Noble Character

#### 1 . Nehemiah – 7:2

A . That I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem: for he *was* a faithful man, and feared God above many.

B . Next , I put my brother Hanani in charge of Jerusalem . I chose another man named Hananiah to be the commander of the fort . I picked Hanani because he was a very honest man and he feared god more than most men do .

### 6 . David – Noble Character

#### 1 . Psalm 78:72

A . So he fed them according to the **integrity of his heart**; and guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

B . And David led them with a **pure heart** . He led them very wisely .

## 7 . **Job** – Noble Character

### 1 . Job 2:3

A . And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, **to destroy him without cause.**

B . Then the Lord said to Satan , have you seen **my servant job** ? There is no person on earth like job . Job is a good and faithful man . He worships God and refuses to do evil things . He still is faithful , even though you asked me to let you destroy everything he has for no reason .

**\*These individuals distinguished by their persistent moral virtue .**

**\*Character is influenced and developed by our choices .**

**\*Character will help us weather the storms of life and keep us from sin . (Proverbs 10:9)**

### 8 . 1 Corinthians 15:33

A . Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

B . Don't be fooled : bad friends will ruin good habits .

### 9 . Hebrews 4:12

A . For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

B . God's word (message) is alive and working . His word is sharper than the sharpest sword . God's word cuts all the way into us like a sword . It cuts deep to the place where the soul and the spirit are joined . God's word cuts to the center of our joints and our bones . It judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts .

### 10 . Galatians 2:20

A . I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

B . So the life that I live now is not really me – it is Christ living in me . I still live in my body , but I live by faith in the Son of God (Jesus) . Jesus is the one who loved me . He gave himself to save me .

**Is Christ living in us today ?**

Hope today that we can surely understand character . It is a choice that we make and we can't blame anyone else . It is our own decision that is within us .

There are five things you must do to become a christian

**Hear** the word , **Believe** what you have heard , **Repent** , **Confess** , and be **Baptized**

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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