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COURSE OUTLINE (4 HOURS)

DIVINE CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT



> DEFINITION:

It is the highest form of godly human nature exhibition. It is man at his best.

It is the sum of qualities that make up an individual. It is one's total personality.

Character is not reputation.

Character is within as reputation is without. Character is real while reputation can be false. Character is substantial but reputation is vapoury. Character is man's soul, reputation is man's minds. Character gives you value in your eyes, reputation is what others see and value, reputation is man's market place, character is God's value.



> DEVELOPMENT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY:

1. Disciplining your body: 1 Cor. 9:25 – 27
2. Punishing your body: Matt. 5:29; Col. 3:5
3. Making yourself do the godly things you don't want to do.

>> **TWO GREAT DEVELOPMENTAL FORCES:**

- Power of the will (the ability to say 'yes' at the right time)
- Power of self restraint (the ability to say 'no' at the right time)

It is learning to put feelings and strong desires under control.

>> **CHARACTER MOLDERS:**

1. The Word of God: Rom. 12:2; Eph. 5:26 – 27
2. The Holy Spirit: Jude 20
3. Your determination: Prov. 28:1
4. Your company: Prov. 13:20; Amos 3:3
5. Grace of God: Tit. 2:11 – 14
6. Studying: (Books and other material) Hosea 4:6

>> **BIBLICAL RELEVANCE OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT:**

- We are the light of the world: We are to live exemplary lives for all to see. Matt. 5:14 – 16.
- We are God's epistles to the world: 2Cor. 3:2
- We are made imitators of Christ: Heb. 1:3; Eph. 5:1
- We are to fulfill God's commission with it: Matt. 28:18

Where there is character, ugliness is beauty.

Where there is no character, beauty is ugliness.

>> **QUALITIES & ATTRIBUTES OF DIVINE CHARACTER:**

1. Gentleness and Humbleness: 1Peter 5:5; 2Tim. 2:24; Gal. 5:22 – it's a disposition to be soft spoken, cultured, refined, kind, even tempered, collected, and calm.
2. Loving: 1Thessa 4:9; John 13:34 – love is the evidence that you are a mature Christian.

3. Joy: Neh. 8:10; Isa. 12:3 – this is lasting joy which is not circumstantial based on happiness.
4. Longsuffering: 2Tim. 2:10; Eph. 4:1 – 2; Col. 3:12 – 13 – it means being patient, bearing long with people's frailties without murmuring or resentment.
5. Goodness: Matt. 5:44 – 48; Luke 6:27 – 32 – it is a state of being godly.
6. Peaceable: Heb. 12:14 – it is the state of quietness, rest, harmony in the midst of trials, turmoil, and temptations. Jesus is the prince of peace.
7. Chastity: Matt. 5:27 – 28 – Sexual purity must manifest in the way you talk, dress and walk.
8. Contentment: Philip. 4:11; 1 Tim. 6:6 – Money and things are a hindrance if they become the motive of a believer.
9. Integrity (loyal): Heb. 13:4- Moral uprightness, selfishness, not rendering service for gain, taking and giving bribes: Eccl. 5:2 – 5; Prov. 11:3;
10. Faith: Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; Gal. 3:11 – Living divinely implanted, acquired and created principles of inward and wholehearted confidence, assurance, trust, reliance in God and his word
11. Honesty: Numb. 16:15; 1Sam. 12:1 – 5; Acts 20:33 – Being upright, attribute of being straight forward in all. Faithful to God and man.

>> 3 ASPECTS OF OUR MORAL VALUES:

- Thoughts: these fill the mind; they are like pictures and they give birth to what you say. You say what you think and you are what you think. Character forms the pattern of your thinking. Prov. 23: 7
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- Words: the words we speak create things and circumstances. What you say makes you. Your tongue is a key to life and death. Mark 11: 23; Prov. 18: 21; Prov. 21: 20; Prov. 14: 1
- Actions: these are divided into three major aspects.
 1. Outward appearance: 1 Peter 2: 9 – how you package yourself is very important. Shakespeare said “Apparel proclaims a man.” You are addressed as you are dressed. You need Holy Spirit fashions and designs. You must talk gracefully, confidently with deep knowledge.
 2. Time – management: time is life, it is for investing, and when it is lost it cannot be recalled. Greatness begins with managing time and minding small things. Eccl. 3: 1ff; Eph. 5: 16
 3. Stewardship: this is handling another man’s thing well. Faithfulness is the major principle. God will entrust you with what is not yours before He entrusts you with your own. Luke 16: 10 – 13

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