

INFLUENCE 2019- Session 6

Knowing the You in You

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MESSAGE EXCERPT

We would be looking at the word **CHARACTER**

You can't be a woman/man of influence without character. Vision without value is destiny set for destruction. Your thoughts produces your Action, consistent actions becomes habit, habits becomes Character.

1. **Character is the very essence of God.** Deuteronomy 6:4 (KJV) Ephesians 4:6 (KJV). Oneness, consistency is the character of God Heb. 13:8; Mal 3:6; James 1:17
2. Gen 1:26(KJV) "lets us make man in our own **image**" **Image here means Character**, so God gave us Character first of. Character is inevitable if you are going to influence a world filled with darkness, it's because you carry something. You can't kill darkness if you are full of darkness. Without God's Character in you, you can't impact/influence or dominate the earth. Therefore Character is the foundation for influence.
3. **Names/statue/numbers/figures are called Character suggesting consistency.** 10 in Nigeria is 10 in anywhere in the world. Principles are also called Character; they are laws which cannot be changed. You can't say you don't care about the law of Gravity; it's a principle that must be. People don't follow those weaker than them. People would only be loyal to those stronger than them; this is a fundamental law of leadership.

DEFINITIONS OF CHARACTER

1. **It simply implies something unchanging.** Who are you? Are you consistent? Are you predictable? What do people know you for? Are you unchanging in your attitude no matter the location? Genesis 49:4 (KJV). You can't change the world if you aren't the right person, we can't bring light into a dark world, if you don't do it right. Holiness has got nothing to do with your

demeanor but your integration (words, thoughts, doing). Establish values around you, be known for one thing.

2. **A commitment to a set of values without compromise.** (Values are what you value, what you place importance on) If you value your health, you won't smoke or drink. True leadership isn't by popularity but by character.
3. **Dedication to a set of standards/ideas without wavering.** Standards are ideas about your moral uprightness/behavior/correctness. They become your *dos* and *don'ts* about living.
4. **Self-imposed discipline by the reason of conviction, by reason of what he has been known and learnt.** It is character that protects your life, vision, ability, gifting. He doesn't need anyone to correct him Proverbs 11:6 (MSG). Your future depends on your character not your charisma. Matthew 7:15 (MSG) Psalms 105:19 (NLT). Destiny had already said Joseph was to be the greatest of all his brethren, but he needed to be tested and prove he can do well.
5. **Character means integration of your words, deeds and your actions as one.** To integrate means to become one, therefore we have the word integrity.
6. **Character is the sacrifice for principles.** Principles cannot be subdued, they can only be subverted. If you don't align yourself to principles, you don't become a principal in life. A person of character lives by principles, you are consistent and one with yourself. Stability of individualistic, stability of personality. In the bible, kings that suffered from character challenges, were either beheaded or died of leprosy.

TEST OF CHARACTER

When you expose people to these three things, their real character or lack of it shows up:

1. Power
2. Money
3. Access to sex

The only way to test character is through temptation. Temptation here is from the word *temper*, meaning to **test for weakness**. When the status of a man changes granting Him to have access to any

of the above, his real character shows up- Proverbs 27:21 (TPT); 1 John 2:15 -17 (TLB). How well can you be entrusted with things? Many things you go through are tests to prove your character.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING

1. There would never be a time in your life when you would ever be free from temptation.
2. Temptation would forever be a course in your life to monitor your character. You need a temptation for the next level and the next height in life. The reason the manifestation of the anointing upon your life may not increase is that you haven't satisfactorily passed the current temptations (tests) you are faced with. The exams of life have no time table; the things we may be passing through now could be temptation scheduled to test our strength.
3. Your character is as strong as the temptation you fell for or you overcame.
4. **Character Check:** What are you doing that you don't want anyone to find out? That particular thing spells danger. Don't do it. Ephesians 5:13 (God's Word). Anything that you don't want others to hear or see you doing, don't do it. Light exposes the true character of everything.
5. **Character-life decision:** Get rid of things or people that can/or will destroy your character 1 Corinthians 15:33 (GNT) Songs of Solomon 2:15(KJV). Any other thing that doesn't favor you or where you are going, get rid of them.

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