

KNOWING THE YOU IN YOU

CHARACTER

The Kingdom mindset God is bringing us into is a Leadership mindset; see yourself as a take over personality and until you truly know the You in you, you can't impact your world, and God would never use a man who doesn't know who he is.

1. ***The foundation for leadership is character, not charisma.***
2. ***The most important component of leadership is character.*** You can be the head of an organization and still be a follower. You can't be a true leader for a generation without the place of character and this is the foundation for everything.
3. ***The greatest protection of leadership is character, it's your greatest security.*** Isaiah 32:8 (NET) - Your honorable character gives you security. If you lack character, you lack everything to impact a generation.
4. ***Talent, qualifications, gifts and abilities are only as safe as your character.*** Your character is the container of your content. You can't prioritize the content more than the container - Matthew 7:15 (MSG). What you'd not like to correct in the future, don't engage in it now. Charisma is good, but character is key, it's what you carry.
5. ***Whatever you have outside character is emptiness and vanity.*** The Bible said concerning Ruth, that Naomi testified she's a woman of character Ruth 3:11 (KJV) Proverbs 31:30 (KJV). The fear of the Lord is the foundation of Godly Character. (Joseph said, "...for I fear God" Gen 42:18 (KJV). You can hide a lot of things, but you can't hide your character. That's why when you make decision based on only outward things, it won't last. There would come a time that connections isn't what would get you into position, it would be your character. Forget about the past and be true to yourself, God would cover the past. Be sincere in all you do, it brings the real you out ultimately Matthew 7:20 (KJV). Forget money and affluence, and stick with character, because eventually, when money comes, the beauty would come too.

The test of character is simple, the word Temptation is a positive word, which means "to temper" and "to test". Even God tests our character.

THE MANIFESTATIONS OF CHARACTER

1. ***Character is manifested when your values, principles, morals and standards are tested.***

The real you comes out only when you are tested. You can't actually call yourself a man or woman of character until your values and principles are confronted. Jacob lacked character and self-restrain with regards to women as shown in Genesis 29 – 30. Joseph on the other hand refused Potiphar's wife who kept coming after him over and over again, he saw it as wickedness against God. Genesis 39:9 (KJV). Ecclesiastes 7:7 (GNT).

2. ***Character is manifested under pressure.*** No matter what you say about your character, only tests would bring it out. Hebrew 12:11 (TPT). The rejections, pressures, disappointments and the closed doors are only there to test character. The moment you discover purpose, pressure would come to test you. ***You don't believe what you say you truly believe, until you are tested to break it.*** My convictions are proven by tests not by my pronouncements. Tests would prove it; Pressure would prove it. Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 14-17 (TLB). Testing shows the stuff you are made of, so you would know if you were pretending or not. Deuteronomy 8: 1-7 (MSG) *Go through the pressure, so you can enjoy the pleasure ultimately.* There is nothing that happens to the believer that God isn't aware of, sometimes, its not that we aren't prayerful or obedient, but there's something we need to learn.

3. ***Character is manifested when self-sacrifice becomes more important than popular compromise.*** You can't please everyone, if you try it, you would damage your destiny. God doesn't aim at pleasing men, so also you should not aim to please man. What has God told you? What did God say? Stand by it. Exodus 13:17-18 (KJV). ***The Called-out ones can't get to the Called-out place without going through processes.***

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