

LIFE AS GOD INTENDED

Lesson Seven

God intends for our actions to flow out of our character that has been shaped by Him.

Character Defined:

Character is not based on our actions but instead is based on WHO WE HAVE BECOME

Thomas Paine said "Reputations is what men and women think of us, Character is what God and angles know of us."

Character is not based on a few individual actions, but instead is based on how a life is lived.

Examples:

- Job 2:3
- Ruth 3:11
- Joseph Matthew 1:19
- Joseph Genesis 39: 8 & 9

Without Godly character our actions will always fall short.

How do I develop Godly character?

- I. Find out what God expects us to be like

DESIRED	VERSES	WRONG
Moral	I Thessalonians 4:3	Immoral
Loving	Galatians 5:22:31	Hateful
Kind	Ephesians 4:25:31	Harsh
Honest		Dishonest
Forgiving		Unforgiving
Self-control		Losing your temper
Thinking of others	Philippians 2:3 & 4	Selfish
Generous		Stingy

Recognize what God wants; recognize what is best.

- II. Examine yourself; self-analysis; be HONEST about yourself
- a. Lamentations 3:39-41
 - b. Psalm 119:58
 - c. Luke 15:17-19
 - d. Matthew 7:5
 - e. James 1:22-25
 - f. Romans 12:3

Honestly look at what needs to change in your life.

- III. Allow God to change you and mold you into Christ's image
- a. Ezekial 36; 26 & 27 moreover I will give you a new heart

Character is not about what I do, but instead I have become.

- Psalm 51:10
- Romans 12:1 & 2
- II Corinthians 3:4-6
- Ephesians 4:22-24
- Galatians 2:20