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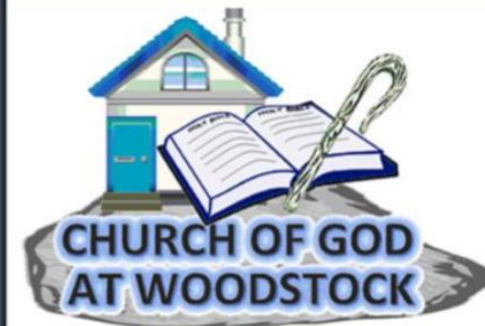
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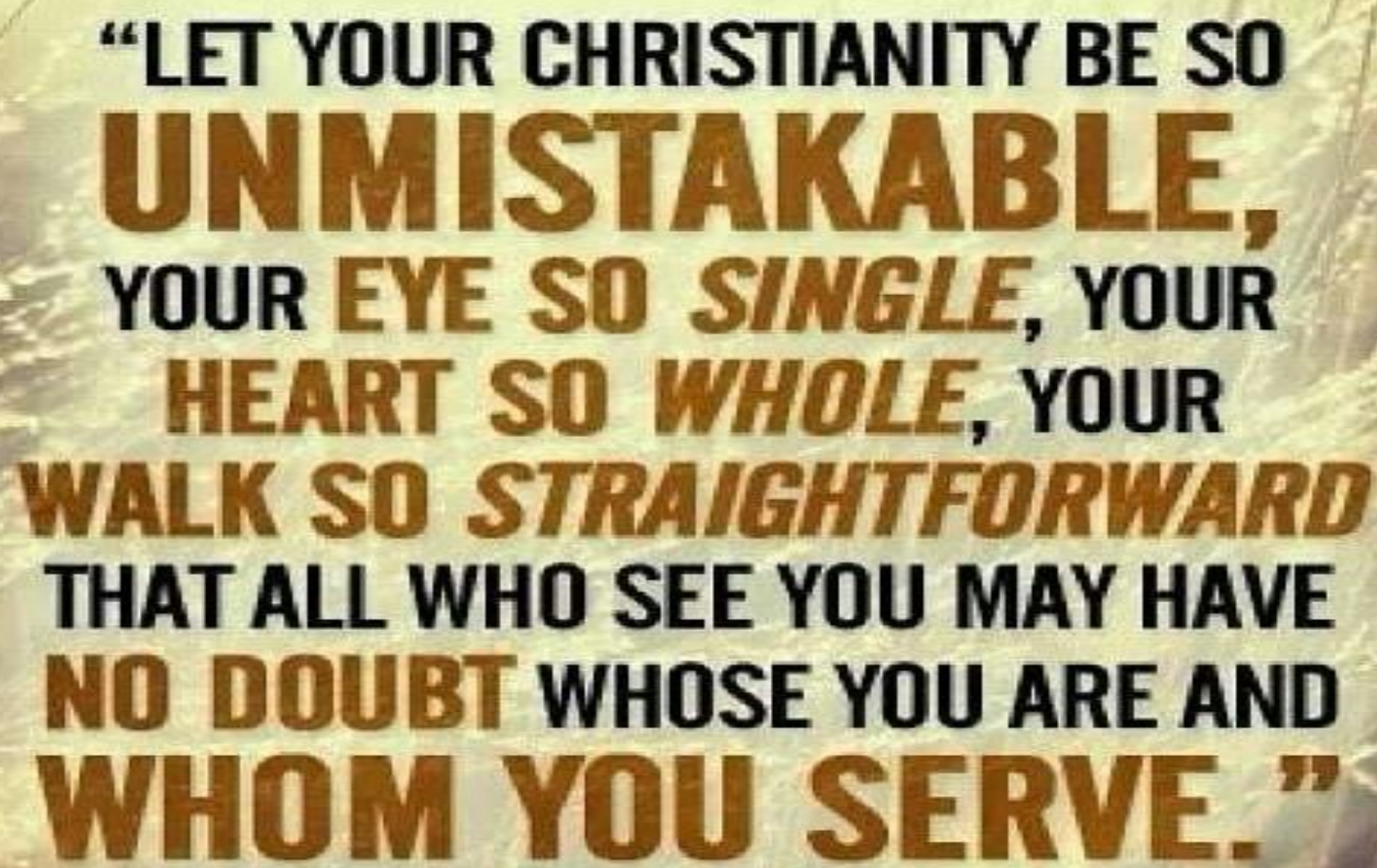
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# THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER



**Let us rise up and build.**

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**Nehemiah 2:18-20** Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me; as also the king's words that he had spoken unto me. **And they said, Let us rise up and build.** So they strengthened their hands for *this good work*. But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard *it*, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What *is* this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? Then answered I them, and said unto them, **The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build:** but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.



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## Merriam-Webster Dictionary: Definition of CHARACTER

- **one of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish an individual**
- **a feature used to separate distinguishable things into categories**; *also* : a group or kind so separated <advertising of a very primitive *character*>
- **main or essential nature especially as strongly marked and serving to distinguish** <excess sewage gradually changed the *character* of the lake>
- **reputation** <the scandal has damaged his *character* and image>
- **moral excellence and firmness** <a man of sound *character*>
- **a person marked by notable or conspicuous traits**

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**Proverbs 11:3** The integrity of the upright shall guide them: but the perverseness of transgressors shall destroy them.

**Proverbs 10:9** He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

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## THE NECESSARY ITEMS



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**Psalm 127:1** A Song of degrees for Solomon. Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.



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**Matthew 7:24-25** Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.



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**Matthew 7:26-27** And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.





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CHRIST IS THE  
FOUNDATION

**Strong's Greek Dictionary 2310. θεμελιος them-el-ios  
*them-el'-ee-os* from a derivative of 5087; something put  
down, i.e. a substruction (of a building, etc.), (literally or  
figuratively):—foundation. See Greek 5087**

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## CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION

1Co 3: 11 **For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.** <sup>12</sup> Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; <sup>13</sup> Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.



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## CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION

1Co 3:<sup>15</sup> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire. <sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? <sup>17</sup> If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; **for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.**

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2Timothy 2: 19 Nevertheless **the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal**, The Lord knoweth them that are his. **And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.**

<sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.



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2Timothy 2:<sup>21</sup> **If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.** <sup>22</sup> Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord **out of a pure heart.** <sup>15</sup>

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Strong's Greek Dictionary 5481. χαρακτηρ charakter *khar-ak-tare'* from the same as 5482; **a graver (the tool or the person)**, i.e. (by implication) **engraving** ("character"), **the figure stamped, i.e. an exact copy or (figuratively) representation**:— express image

**Hebrews 1:1-3** God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by *his* Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of *his* glory, and **the express image of his person**, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;



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**Romans 8:29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate **to be conformed to the image of his Son**, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

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The American Heritage dictionary defines the word “Christian” as follows.

- Professing belief in Jesus as Christ or following the religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus.
- Relating to or derived from Jesus or Jesus's teachings.
- Manifesting the qualities or spirit of Jesus; Christ-like.
- Relating to or characteristic of Christianity or its adherents.
- Showing a loving concern for others; humane.

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Strong's Concordance defines the word "Christian" as follows.

- ❑ Strong's Greek Dictionary 5546. Χριστιανος Christianos *khris-tee-an-os'* from 5547; a Christian, i.e. **follower of Christ:—Christian**. See Greek 5547
- ❑ Strong's Greek Dictionary 5547. Χριστος Christos *khris-tos'* from 5548; **anointed, i.e. the Messiah**, an epithet of Jesus:—Christ. See Greek 5548
- ❑ Strong's Greek Dictionary 5548. χριω chrio *khree'-o* probably akin to 5530 through the idea of contact; to smear or rub with oil, i.e. (by implication) **to consecrate to an office or religious service:—anoint**. See Greek 5530



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**Acts 11:26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. **And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.**

**Acts 26:28** Then Agrippa said unto Paul, **Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.** **29** And Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds.

**1 Peter 4:16** Yet if *any man suffer* **as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.**

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Acts 11:26 b ... **And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.**

**CALLED=** Strong's Greek Dictionary 5537. χρηματιζω **chrematizo** *khray-mat-id'-zo* from 5536; to utter an oracle (compare the original sense of 5530), i.e. **divinely intimate**; by implication, (compare the secular sense of 5532) to constitute a firm for business, i.e. (generally) **bear as a title:—be called, be admonished (warned) of God**, reveal, speak.

See Greek 5536 See Greek 5530 See Greek 5532

# THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER

1. **Matthew 2:12** And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.
2. **Matthew 2:22** But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:
3. **Luke 2:26** And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ.
4. **Acts 10:22** And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.
5. **Acts 11:26** And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And **the disciples** were called Christians first in Antioch.
6. **Romans 7:3** So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.  
(ISNT IT GOD THAT CALLS HER AN ADULTERESS??)
7. **Hebrews 8:5** Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, *that* thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount.
8. **Hebrews 11:7** By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.
9. **Hebrews 12:25** See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:



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- Rises above the world

- Love enemies

**Matthew 5:44-45** But I say unto you, **Love your enemies**, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

# THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER

- Rises above the world

- Love enemies, Matt 5:44-45

- Die for a brother, 1 John 3:16

**1 John 3:16** Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and **we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.**

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- Rises above the world

- Love enemies, Matt 5:44-45
- Die for a brother, 1 John 3:16
- Die for Jesus Christ, Rev 2:10

**Revelation 2:10** Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some* of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: **be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.** ).



# THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER

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- Love enemies, Matt 5:44-45

- Die for a brother, 1 John 3:16

- Die for Jesus Christ, Rev 2:10

- Jesus is our model, 1 Pet 2:21

- **1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:**

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  - Die for Jesus Christ, Rev 2:10
  - Jesus is our model, 1 Pet 2:21; 3:16
    - **1 Peter 3:16** Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation (conduct) in Christ.

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- Die for a brother, 1 John 3:16

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- Jesus is our model, 1 Pet 2:21; 3:16; 1 Cor 11:1

- **1 Corinthians 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.**

**FOLLOWERS= Strong's Greek Dictionary 3402. mimetes from 3401; an imitator:—follower.**



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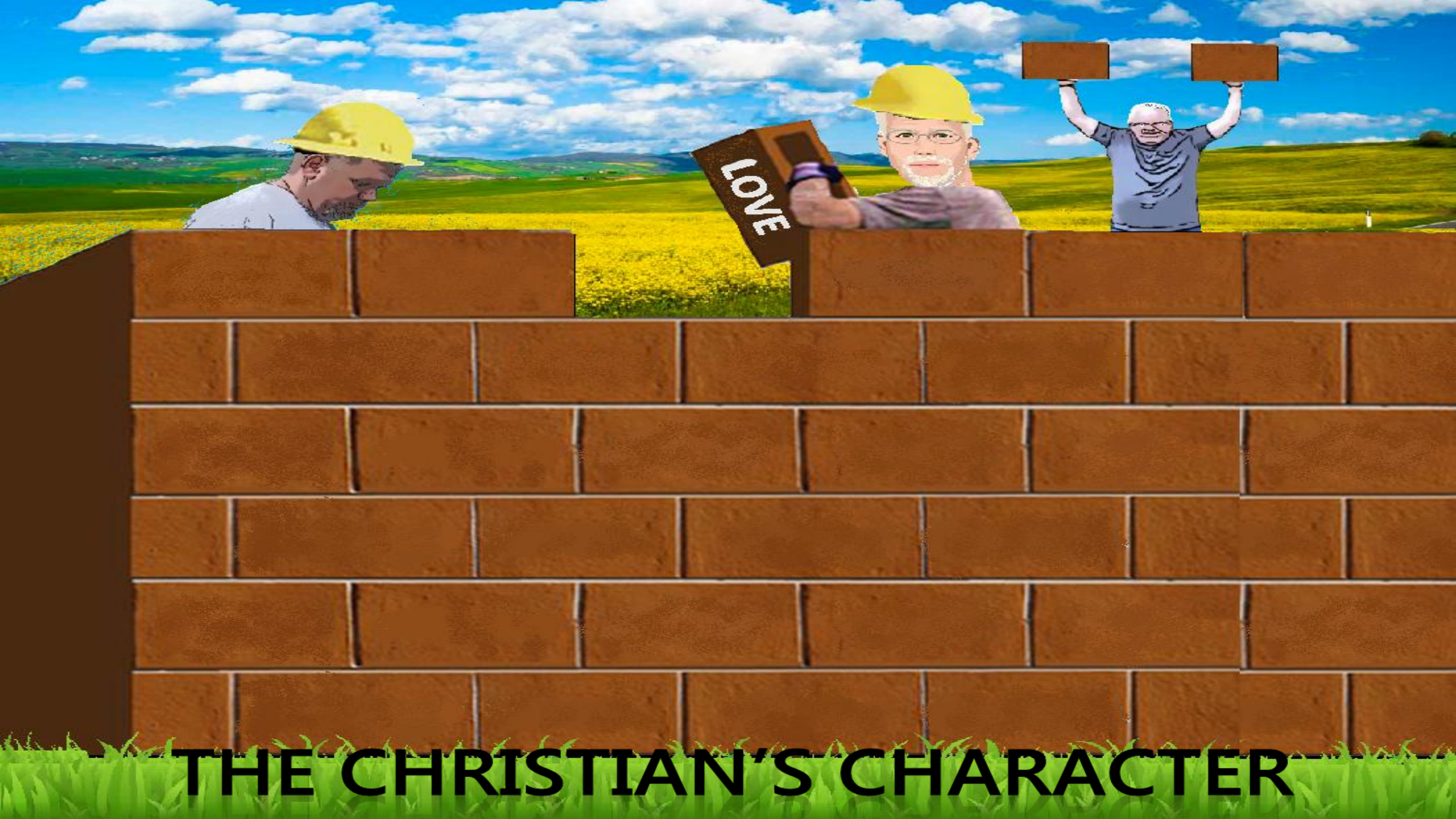
- **Luke 6:40** The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect **shall be as his master.**

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**2 Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

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Adaptability	Deference	Honesty	Perseverance
Appreciation	Dependability	Humility	Purpose
Attentiveness	Determination	Integrity	Resourcefulness
Availability	Diligence	Joyfulness 	Respect 
Caring 	Discernment	Kindness 	Responsibility 
Citizenship 	Discretion	Love 	Self-Confidence
Commitment	Efficiency	Loyalty	Self-Control 
Compassion	Equitableness	Meekness 	Sincerity
Concern	Fairness 	Mercy	Submission
Confidence	Faith 	Observance	Tact
Consideration	Fearlessness	Optimism	Temperance 
Consistency	Flexibility	Patience 	Thoroughness
Contentment	Forgiveness	Peace 	Thriftiness
Cooperation	Friendliness	Persistence	Tolerance
Courage	Generosity 	Persuasiveness	Trustworthiness 
Creativity	Gentleness 	Prudence	Truthfulness
Decisiveness	Gratitude	Punctuality	Virtue

**Galatians 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

# THE CHRISTIAN'S CHARACTER

## 1. Our understanding flows into desire - - and then action.

Proverbs 1:5 A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:

Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:  
Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart *is* not with thee.

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## 2. We assume/accept personal sacrifice if necessary.

**Philippians 3:7-8** But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,

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## 3. Acceptance of consequences beforehand.

**Luke 14 :26** If any *man* come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> **And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.** <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have *sufficient* to finish *it*? <sup>29</sup> Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish *it*, all that behold *it* begin to mock him, <sup>30</sup> Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.



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## 4. Constancy even when no one observes.

**Matthew 6:1** Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. **Matthew 6:2** Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

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## 5. Inability to cancel out another trait.

**James 2:8-10** If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

**Matthew 5:48** Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

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**1 Samuel 16:6-7** And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed *is* before him. But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: **for *the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.***

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**"Character is what you are in the dark."**

**D.L. Moody**

**Proverbs 17:3** The fining pot *is* for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the LORD trieth the hearts.

**Romans 5:3-4** And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope:



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**1 Chronicles 29:17a** I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness

**Psalm 15:1-2** A Psalm of David. LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? **He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.**

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**Philippians 4:8** Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

**2 Peter 1:5-6** And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

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Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence;  
for out of it *are* the issues of life. ;

**Matthew 15:18-20** But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.

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**1 Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

**Titus 2:7-8** In all things shewing thyself a **pattern of good works**: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.



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**Colossians 3:10** And have put on the new *man*, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:



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**THANK YOU!**

May your character be not a writing upon the sand, but an inscription upon the Rock.  
-C.H. Spurgeon



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