



Main Character

When pastor Micheal started this series he brought up the concept of method acting. Method acting being an actor who in order to prepare for a role, immerses themselves in the role. Even taking radical steps to get into the mental, physical, and emotional state of the role. For example, if you wanted to play a taxi driver, maybe you'd go get a job as a cab driver for a while. In the popular series "Yellowstone", the director sent actors to a "cowboy boot camp" to learn to ride horseback so the show would feel more authentic. Actors will do all kinds of things to portray their character well, yet in the end it's just a movie. Our lives, however, are not an act. The character we play is crucial in Gods plan. So tonight we're going to be discussing how to maintain Godly character.

1.) First we need to establish what character is. How would you define character?

Read Daniel 1:8

Essentially character is found in how you respond things. When Daniel chose not to defile his beliefs by not eating from the kings table, he showed his character. Daniel wouldn't abandon God's commands, even if it cost him dearly.

2.) Like method acting, we have to learn who we are reflecting. Godly character needs Godly wisdom. What are ways you've learned the character of god?

The best way to learn Gods character is by reading his word. A great example of this can be found in Matthew, where Satan tries to tempt Jesus to act outside of his character.

Read Matthew 4:1-4

3.) Jesus resists temptation by quoting scripture. Only by knowing Gods word can we put it into practice. What makes reading scripture a struggle for you?

Another crucial aspect of learning Godly character involves community. Good or bad, the people around you will affect the way you respond to life.

Read Hebrews 10:23-25

4.) In what ways has your community motivated your character?

Read Proverbs 27:17

When you sharpen a knife you are slowly removing material. At a microscopic level you're revealing new metal and grinding off dull and corroded metal. Sharpening only works by creating friction. Sometimes as when we are called to help each other, it can be uncomfortable.

5.) How can we properly go about "sharpening" a fellow christian?

Read Hebrews 4:12-13

6.) The word of God can cut through the masks we try to put on. Gods word is convicting sometimes. As Christians we are constantly working on building character. Often Godly character calls us to deny ourselves, and that's humility. Why is humility an important part of Godly character?

7.) When push comes to shove, our character will be revealed. What are some trademarks of Godly character you feel are important?