

NSD Notes

For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more. (1 Cor. 9:19)
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Services

- Bible Study 10 a.m.
- Morning Service.....11 a.m.
- Evening Service.....6 p.m.
- Wednesday Meeting.....7 p.m.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

Prayer List

- **Ernest Peeples** - deployed in Iraq.
- **Jeanne Lynne** - undergoing chemotherapy treatments.
- **Ken Holloway** – recovering from eye surgery. He is not allowed to drive for the next 4 weeks.
- **Martha Holloway** - recurring back and heart condition.
- **Vicki Barton's** mother, Lisa - recovering from surgery.
- **Yedid Minjares'** mother - recovering from surgery.
- **Ken Holloway's** brother, Chuck.
- **The Hamiltons** – will be travelling back from New Jersey today.

Classes

- Sunday Morning – 1 Timothy
- Wednesday – Ecclesiastes

PILLARS OF CHARACTER



"Instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age. "

(Titus 2:12)

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.." (Phil. 1:27)

The teaching is clear; a child of God must be a person of proven character. To argue otherwise would be ludicrous. Moreover the child of God ideally has embraced a mindset that is undergoing the process of day by day renewal. *"And do not be conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* **(Rom. 12:2)** It is not earth shattering news, but God has always desired that His people would be of a proven character.

The word character is defined as being "the combination of emotional, intellectual and moral qualities distinguishing one person or group from another" (Webster's II Dictionary) Using this definition as a backdrop, consider the teaching of Christ as seen in **Matthew 22:37** where He states the following. *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind."* One's love to God must be experienced intellectually, emotionally and made manifest by obedience and the manner of life that is lived.

In the book of Proverbs, Solomon is laying out in some detail the essence of what it takes to be a person of proven character. He discusses wisdom and the proper application thereof. As the book unfolds it is evident that there are at least six pillars involved in the development of a proven character, all firmly secured to the foundation which is the knowledge of and obedience to the God of Heaven. Those six pillars consist of —————▶

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All are welcome to our worship
and study meetings!

*... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with
thankfulness in your hearts to God. Col 3:16*

Blessed is every one who fears the LORD,
Who walks in His ways.

When you eat the labor of your hands,
You shall be happy,
and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
In the very heart of your house,
Your children like olive plants
All around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
Who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you out of Zion,
And may you see the good of Jerusalem
All the days of your life.

Yes, may you see your children's children.

Psalm 128

Pure in heart we see that God is great and pure
in holiness

Poor in spirit, meek and gentle, we are blest
with happiness

Persecuted like our Lord and like the prophets
we'll be blest

Rich in blessings from our God, we humbly seek
His righteousness

Blessed, blessed, blessed are we
Whom God has blest with mercy, comfort and
peace

When we have humbly sought His name to
confess

Hungered and sought His righteousness

Glenda B. Schales

[Pillars of Character]

respect, responsibility, trustworthiness, citizenship,
compassion/caring and justice/fairness.

Respect involves recognition of the rights and feelings of others. As a result the individual will practice the Golden Rule as set forth by Christ. He or she will not resort to outbursts of anger and hurl abusive language at another, nor be pugnacious.

Responsibility moves the individual into the recognition of being accountable for choices and actions that have been made. It also implies that there will be due caution put in place because of accountability.

Trustworthiness is having built a good reputation by being reliable. Doing what you say you will do and having the courage and conviction to do the right thing.

Citizenship centers itself on the willingness to cooperate within the framework of society. Respect and obedience to the laws that have been put in place. Doing what can be done to enhance the greater good for the community. Informed.

Compassion involves caring and open kindness. Exemplify in life an attitude of gratitude. Equally there be a willingness to grant forgiveness.

Justice demands that advantage is not taken of others. Rules are respected. Active listening is employed and there is an open mind, but that does not mean compromise is the order of the day.

"Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behavior his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom."

(James 3:13)

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace."

James 3:17-18)

From The Bulwark, November 2008

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