

Study Notes based on 3 September 2017 talk by Graeme

Godly character 2 Peter 1:3-11

1. What things do you immediately think of if you hear that someone was a person of good character? Of bad character?
2. Check out these Bible references to character – Ruth 3:11; Proverbs 31:10; Acts 17:11; Romans 5:4; 1 Corinthians 15:33
3. Check out some of the criteria for leadership outlined in Titus e.g. 1:5-9; 2:1-2. These criteria express character. Competence and qualifications aren't mentioned.
4. How do you respond to Graeme's assertion that we are frankly irritating to God?
5. See Matthew 15:10-11 and 15-20. Compare 1 Samuel 16:17. How do we influence what is on our inside?
6. 'Building Godly character is our work.' See 2 Peter 1:5. What do you think is the relationship between what God has done in us, and what we need to contribute in order for our character to be built?
7. 'Building character is part of our worship' see Romans 12:1-2. In what way does service build character?
8. 'Building character is part of our witness' – how do people spot authenticity?
9. Challenge – one definition of character is 'Who you are when no-one is looking'. Is there a discrepancy between your public self and your private self? How can you narrow the gap?

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