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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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### SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM

(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's lesson:

*How To Be  
Useless and  
Miserable*

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## How to Build a Good Character

*By—Dee Bowman*

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Character is the accumulation of qualities that distinguishes one person from another. Character is not just one single trait, but the accumulation of all a person is, the sum total of all his traits.

Someone has suggested that reputation is what others think us to be, character is what God knows us to be.

How does a person develop and maintain a good character?

**By getting in touch with yourself.** Aristotle was not far off the mark when he suggested that one should "know thyself." Personal integrity is the key to developing a good character. We have to ascertain and admit to what we need in order to form a good character. In order to know where you're going, you must first realize where you are. *"He that speaketh truth in his heart"*—that's necessary to the development of a good character (see Psalm 15:1-2).

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**By a constant contact with God.** It is He who defines what is a good character, for it is He who has defined what is good in the first place. His word is not only an expression of Who and What He is, but a revelation of how we can become like Him, or be a *"partaker of the divine nature"* (2 Peter 1:4). His word tells us which way to go. A man of character does not walk just anywhere, but *"his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate both day and night"* (Psalm 1:2). *"Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word"* (Psalm 119:9). A man's character is developed by paying due attention to where he is going, to his path of pursuit, and that means a constant contact with the Father.

*Reputation is  
what men and  
women think  
of us; character  
is what God  
and angels  
know of us.*

**By accumulating—a little at a time—the right pieces of holiness.** Holiness is not some huge characteristic (notice the word, please) that a person somehow suddenly develops, but rather the piecing together of small bits and pieces of goodness and piety. Small habits—those little acts of kindness and goodness—are what define a person's character. Holiness helps to define a man's character by setting him apart from the trivial dross of life; it is observed in his habitual acts of goodness. Holiness illustrates in one's life the character of God. *"But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation"* (1 Peter 1:15).

**By regular exposure to right influences.** One of the ways we develop good character is by observing and associating with people whom we know to be of good character. Time spent with a good person will increase your chances of having being good yourself. *"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together..."* (Hebrews 10:24). We need each other. What one man lacks, another man has. What another has, one man lacks. *"Be thou an example of the believers"* is good advice, and to find and follow those who set good examples helps to formu-

late right courses and plan right avenues of pursuit. Character is helped considerably by associating with those who have it.

**By looking forward to the reward.** Character and hope run on the same track. One who has an abiding trust in God and His word will build the kind of character that assures for him an eventual heavenly home. *"Who shall dwell in Thy holy hill? He that worketh righteousness,"* we are told (Psalm

15:2). Those who have placed a high value and importance on a well-orchestrated life are fit for an entrance *"into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"* (2 Peter 1:11). Our hope helps us see the need for a holy character by connecting us to that which has the highest quality and value—eternal life.

Please be advised—the absence of these things in our lives will result in our having a distorted view of what is important in life, and cause us to place emphasis and enthusiasm on the wrong things.

*Today is Today*  
*by Dee Bowman*

Jesus said in His mountain message, *"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble"* (Matthew 6:34). What a telling statement. I've been thinking a lot lately about the value and beauty of a single day.

**Each day has its own sunrise, its own sunset.** No two are exactly alike. Every day is different, with its own weather, its own wind and temperature, its own warmth or lack of it. Every sunrise is special in its own way; so with every sunset. They are all similar, but no two are the same.

What a joy to see a new day born. Every sunrise speaks of a new beginnings—a new slate, a new page. No matter how bad last night's nightmare, or yesterday's bad weather, with the first splash of sunshine across your quilt, everything is washed clean and you can start over.

A new day is a resurrection of sorts, too. With each new day we are raised up to new possibilities, new perspectives, new opportunities to serve and glorify God.

Sunsets serve a purpose, too. They remind us of what we did or didn't do that day. As the sun disappears each evening, we look for rest if we've used the day well. And it brings us little twinges of conscience if we didn't. If you're right with God, you can look forward to the sunset.

**Each day has its own thoughts.** The thoughts that accompany each new day relate directly to neither yesterday or tomorrow; they belong peculiarly to today. You can't do tomorrow's thinking today. Sure, you can plan for tomorrow; but the thought you used to do so is today's thought, not tomorrow's. And you can relate back to yesterday in your mind, but the very thoughts you used are today's thoughts, not yesterday's. *"As a man thinks in his heart so is he"* (Proverbs 23:7). Today's thoughts belong to today.

Every day brings new circumstances and new possibilities. Circumstances have to be handled. So do possibilities. You have choose every day what you'll do with them. That means you have to meditate, contemplate, discriminate, then decide on what actions you will take about what's happening around you. Oh, you can put off thinking about it, but procrastination seldom serves anybody well, and you'll likely be sorry if you put it off till later.

Good and evil thoughts battle one another every day. We all have some of both. You have to choose which you will allow residency in your mind. *"...give no place to the Devil,"* Paul said (Ephesians 4:27). Someone has said "you can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from making a nest in your hair." It's that way with evil thoughts. They're going to race through your

mind every day—count on it—but you don't have to give them a place to stay.

**Each day has its own joy and its own sadness.** Information—both good and bad—travels quickly these days. And each day you'll find some good news and some bad, some joy and some sadness. Both, it seems to me, are necessary to the good life. The joys bring us encouragement and give us pleasure. Sadness brings us to a realization of who and where we are, and the fragileness of time. Just as joy encourages and makes our disposition sanguine, so sadness brings us stamina, teaches us patience, and keeps us courageous as we struggle through the vicissitudes of life.

Solomon said, *"in the day of prosperity, be joyful, but in the day of adversity, consider"* (Ecclesiastes 7:14). Did you notice that there is a day of prosperity and a day of adversity? The actions for each are recommended. When the day is good we should rejoice and be thankful; when it is not, we should give due consideration to the fragileness of life. Furthermore, we are told by the wise man, *"Surely God has appointed the one as well as they other..."* If you use each day to serve God, the adversity will be of as much benefit as will the joy. That's if you serve God.

**Each day is a gift from God.** Every one of them lasts 24 hours. It's up to us what we do with them. We can use them to glorify Him, or we can waste them with inordinate pleasures, worldly ambitions, and illicit thoughts. It's up to each one to decide what this 24 hours will mean in his life. And no matter how many of those 24 hours we still have, each one is its own, and each one will be used as we see fit to use it.

I read somewhere that "yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift, that's why we call it the present." "It is not the care of the day, but the cares of tomorrow that weigh man down. For the needs of today, we have corresponding strength given. For the morrow, we must trust. It is not ours yet" (George MacDonald).

***"Today, if you will hear His voice..."***

**—Psalm 95:7—**

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Don Coen, Jr.
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 14:1-21
<b>Reader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
<b>Bread</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Fruit of the Vine</b>	John Lemal
<b>Serve</b>	CJ Isinghood
<b>Serve</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Mark 14:22-45
<b>Reader</b>	Matt Ferrell
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Speaker</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Communion</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Bryan Legg

## Wednesday

<b>Class Prayer</b>	John Lemal
<b>Announcements</b>	Chuck Isinghood
<b>Song Leader</b>	Singing/Praying
<b>Invitation</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave Harless

# *News N Notes*

**Please remember these in your prayers:**

**Continue to remember the Coen family as they grieve the loss of sister  
Phyllis Coen**

### **Sick/ Poor Health:**

- Don Coen
- Zeda Goddard
- Robert Schwerferger, Alberta Headen's brother-in-law.
- Grace Lancaster
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Harold Marshall, Sr., Harold's father
- Kitty Morgan
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don & Phyllis, dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Ann's Retreat:**

- Josephine Clow

#### **Brightwood Center:**

- Shirley Campbell

#### **Valley Haven:**

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson