

Points to Ponder on Godly Character

Godly Character

- How would you describe the character of Jesus Christ? How would you describe His personality? What is the difference?
- What is one character quality in Jesus' life you would like to display in your own?
- What process can you follow to develop this trait?
- What are the benefits of continually comparing yourself to Christ's example?
- How does the study of God's word help us in character development?
- In what ways does God "prune" our lives (John 15:1-8) to improve our character?
- What is an example of something that God's word has revealed to you about your character? How has it encouraged you in your quest for character?
- What are the spiritual "disciplines" that mold and shape character?
- In what ways do you identify with the hardships Bible characters experienced? How did God help you through those times? If you could do it again, what would you do differently? What changes in your character do you see as a result of those experiences?
- David was called "a man after God's own heart," yet he had some huge character flaws. What do you learn about godly character development from David's life?

The Impact of Character

- How does a lack of character usually exhibit itself? What are its effects?
- What are some of the trends in society today that are dangerous character flaws?
- How great is the power of example (good or bad) with regard to someone's character?

- When have you been negatively influenced by a poor role model?
- What motivates you to set a good example for others? How does a commitment to set a good example affect your character development?
- What about friends? How do our associations influence our character? What proverbs speak to this concept?
- Are “small” character problems serious? Why?
- What kinds of blessings can people of high character expect to enjoy?

Developing Character

- If people you know were asked to describe you, using only three words, which words do you think they might use?
- What character traits do I want to change in the next year? Which one will I tackle first and what are my specific plans for developing in this area?
- What factors encourage us to work on character?
- Is character development always difficult? Why or why not?
- How does one actually go about building or strengthening character?
- What commonly discourages or interferes with our developing character?
- What should one do when he or she becomes discouraged about their lack of character growth?
- What are some unrealistic expectations about character development? What can happen if we have unrealistic expectations?
- What can young adults do to become more conscious about building character?

Teaching Character

- What character traits did your parents consciously teach you?
- What character traits do you want to consciously teach your children?
- How can you go about effectively teaching them these traits?