**The Character of a Disciple** Session 8



We are going to look at the life of Joseph today to help us see the qualities of a disciple’s character. People say character is who you are when no one is watching, and I would agree. But character is also who you are when everyone is watching. Whether alone or with a group, character is essential as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

People are drawn to others who have strong Christ like character. Maybe it’s because people with true character are harder and harder to find these days. If you are truly a disciple of Jesus Christ it will be evident in your character.

*“If you compromise your character you lose the ability and opportunity to lead in a godly manner. And one thing we need to be reminded of time and time again is, a man’s character is best revealed when he makes a choice under pressure.”*

**Group Exercise:** Look up Genesis 39:1-23

Read the passage to yourself and then have someone in the group read it out loud.

1. What observations can be made in Genesis 39:1-6 about Joseph’s character as he served under Potiphar?
2. What observations can be made about Potiphar’s wife? (vs. 7, 10, 11-12)
3. What observations can be made about Joseph? (vs. 8, 12)
4. What observations can be made from verses 13-23?

**3 Kinds of Temptation**

 # 1 The temptation to **GIVE IN**

 # 2 The temptation to **GIVE UP**

 # 3 The temptation to **GET EVEN**

**Question:** How have you seen any of these three temptations try to creep in and steal your character as a disciple for Jesus?

***Helpful Notes:*** While caring for the needs of others, the Apostle Paul challenges Timothy to make sure to care for himself as well. To guard his heart against the trickery of the enemy. Paul gives four admonitions to Timothy that, if obeyed, would assure him success in his ministry and a continued testimony as a man of God.

**4 charges in maintaining godly character – 1 Timothy 6:11-16**

The charge to **FLEE** vs. 11

In the context of this passage what is Paul advising Timothy to flee from and how can this be a source of temptation if we are not careful? (see 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

The charge to **PURSUE** vs. 11

What are those things Paul is advising Timothy to pursue?

The charge to **FIGHT** vs. 12

Paul tells Timothy to fight or contend for the faith. What are things that the body of Christ, His church, should be boldly fighting for?

The charge to hold onto the **GOOD CONFESSION** you have made vs. 12-16

If you have made the good confession you have in Jesus Christ, then live out the good confession with great passion. Hold onto it! Protect it! Guard it! There is no greater honor than to proclaim the good confession we have in Jesus Christ as His disciple.



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