



Grow in Character

_____/_____/_____ - *Bill Hood III*

What is Character?

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Non/New Believer

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- Patient (John 14:8-11)
- Forgiving (Luke 23:34)
- Just (Matthew 23)

Why must we see the example of Jesus?

We become what we behold.

- _____ - where our eyes go, our body follows
- _____ - through mirror neurons
- _____, asking God to open your eyes to the beauty of Jesus
- _____, with followers of Jesus often
- _____ the Bible, particularly the Gospels

Young Believer

Build spiritual habits

But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. - Luke 5:15-16

- _____ spiritual habits - Growing in character is hard work!

- _____ your spiritual habits
- "I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in _____." - Martin Luther

Growing Believer

Live with integrity

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Accountability

- to _____
- to the _____
- to a fellow _____

Maturing Believer

Pursue Christ-likeness

...But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way... - Philippians 3:13-15

Growing in character never _____.

Is your greatest desire, the goal of your entire life, to _____ more like Jesus?

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- **Physically** - where our eyes go, our body follows
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- **Be** , with followers of Jesus often
- **Read** the Bible, particularly the Gospels

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- **Calendar** your spiritual habits
- "I have so much to do today that I shall spend the first three hours in **prayer**." - Martin Luther

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Discussion Questions

1. Growing in character essentially means becoming more like Jesus. What is one way you would like to become more like Jesus?
2. How has Jesus' example in the Bible convicted you in the past? or Why did Bill say, "We become what we behold"?
3. When do you struggle protecting your spiritual habits the most? or What is one thing you can say no to in order to better prioritize building spiritual habits?
4. Why is accountability worth it even though it may feel uncomfortable?
5. What are some characteristics of a good (godly) accountability partner?
6. If you're honest, what is a goal you have that sometimes supersedes the desire to become more like Jesus? or Is the goal to become more like Jesus better than any other goal we could pursue?

Accountability Pillars

1. **Specific Confession** - not simply saying "I messed up"
2. **Availability** - being willing to help when needed, even if it's a 2am phone call
3. **Consistency** - following through on promised next steps, "I am going to text you every Tuesday night."
4. **Jesus** - somebody that wants to and causes you to love Jesus more, not just concerned about modifying behavior
5. **Care** - will show compassion, patience, and loving challenge
6. **Questions** - willing to ask hard, direct questions
7. **Prepare** - form a game plan, not "hope you do better next week"
8. **Prayer** - you must pray because this is not something we can just do on our own

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DISCIPLE-MAKING JOURNEY



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GIFTS**

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Begin showing care for others