



DEVELOPING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

“...AND THE DISCIPLES WERE CALLED
CHRISTIANS FIRST IN ANTIOCH.”

ACTS 11:26





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INTRODUCTION

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● INTRODUCTION

- TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE WE MUST EXHIBIT "SPECIAL" QUALITIES, **1 PETER 2:9**
- CHRISTIANS ARE HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD THAN THOSE OF THE WORLD.
- EXTRINSIC vs. INTRINSIC 

WE MUST BE OBEDIENT

- OBEDIENCE BEGINS WITH SUBMISSION TO BAPTISM, **ROMANS 6:3**
- **ROMANS 5:1-4** EXPERIENCE (CHARACTER)
- **PSALM 24:4-5** “CLEAN HANDS/PURE HEARTS” 

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- MATTHEW 5:8
- PSALM 15:1-4

?THOUGHT QUESTION?

DO WE EXHIBIT CHRISTIAN CHARACTER
DURING WORSHIP?



WE MUST BE CULTIVATED

- CULTIVATION REQUIRES INTENTION, PREPARATION, AND ACTION

CHARLES READE,

- “IF YOU SOW THOUGHT, YOU REAP ACTION. IF YOU SOW ACTION, YOU REAP HABITS. IF YOU SOW HABITS, YOU REAP CHARACTER.”



WE MUST BE CULTIVATED

- GALATIANS 4:19 “...UNTIL CHRIST BE FORMED IN YOU,”
- COLOSSIANS 2:7 POTENTIAL WILL NOT GET US TO HEAVEN.
- 2 PETER 3:18 “CULTIVATING COMMAND”

WE MUST BE CULTIVATED

- COLOSSIANS 1:10

?THOUGHT QUESTION?

WHAT DOES IT MEAN **TO KNOW** CHRIST?



WE MUST DISPLAY JESUS

- JAMES 1:22 KNOWING IS NOT ENOUGH.
- MATTHEW 5:16

WE DISPLAY JESUS BY PROCLAMATION

- ROMANS 10:14



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- JOHN 13:34-35 WHAT IS THE DISTINGUISHING, DISPLAYING MARK?
- FRUIT IS THE EVIDENCE OF OUR GROWTH AND THE REVEALER OF OUR CHARACTER.
- GALATIANS 5:22-23



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?THOUGHT QUESTION?

HOW DO YOU DISPLAY JESUS IN YOUR
LIFE?





CONCLUSION

- *BEING HELD TO A HIGHER STANDARD IS NOT A REASON TO LOWER OUR COMMITMENT TO CHRIST.*
- *CONTINUAL CULTIVATION MAKES ONE SPIRITUALLY STRONGER.*





INVITATION

NEED TO OBEY THE GOSPEL?

HEAR THE GOSPEL
BELIEVE THE GOSPEL
REPENT FROM SIN
CONFESS THE NAME
SUBMIT TO BAPTISM
LIVE FOR JESUS

NEED TO RETURN TO GOD?

REPENT FROM SIN
CONFESS SINS TO GOD
PRAY FORGIVENESS
LIVE FAITHFULLY

