

# “Mature Audiences Only: Character”

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2 Peter 1:1-11

1. There is one \_\_\_\_\_ but there are many \_\_\_\_\_.

*Goodness: Greek- Chrestotes:*

\_\_\_\_\_ *or* \_\_\_\_\_.

2. My Character: 2 Peter 1:5-8  
a. Is the mental, moral and spiritual \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to me.

*Character: Greek- Ethos:*

\_\_\_\_\_

- b. Is how \_\_\_\_\_ me; My Reputation  
is how \_\_\_\_\_ me.

1 Corinthians 4:1-5

3. My Character transforms and matures:

- a. Through a \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus.  
Ephesians 2:1-7

- b. Through a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Philippians 2:12-13

- c. As I \_\_\_\_\_ to life  
temptations, circumstances and challenges.

- d. As I make \_\_\_\_\_ to the Spirit.  
1 Corinthians 9:25-27

- e. As I make commitments to \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Corinthians 6:1-2

## Life Steps

### Day 1

Romans 7:15-25

A mature character begins with identifying your weaknesses. How do you relate to the author in this passage? What specific hang-ups come to mind when you read these words? What needs to happen for these things to change in your life?

### Day 2

Luke 8:1-18

In the message this past weekend, Rick said “Character is who we are when no one is looking.” What does that mean about your character? What does this passage have to say about character? How do these words challenge you?

### Day 3

James 1:19-27

Our true character is revealed through our habits and actions, especially when we are under pressure. How does this passage speak to that? Put verses 22-25 into your own words.

### Day 4

Ephesians 2:1-10

The good news is that your character can be changed. Map out the process of transformation found in this passage. What do you notice about the progression? What is the basis for this transformation? Pray through this passage and ask God to make the truth of what it says more real to you.

### Day 5

Romans 6:12-23

Our habits not only reveal our character, but taking on new habits has the ability to change our character. How does this passage speak to that? What are some specific habits that you can bring into your life that will lead towards the kind of character you want to have?

### Day 6

James 1:1-18

A mature character is one that forms over time, and so it is something that requires patience and perseverance. How do you struggle to have patience with yourself? How does this passage encourage you?

### Day 7

Hebrews 3:7-19

What does it mean to “harden our hearts”? What is the danger in doing that? In the message last weekend, Rick said “Tomorrow is the enemy of today.” What is one thing you are going to do or change right now that you have been putting off for far too long? Who will you tell about it so that they can hold you accountable?