

Character Defined

- **Honesty:** Being sincere and truthful; your actions match your words; also called integrity.
- **Respect:** Showing consideration and appreciation; avoiding violation of others; honoring people and caring about their rights.
- **Courage:** Facing danger or hardship with confidence and bravery; trying new things and trying again if you fail.
- **Self-Control:** Controlling yourself and your behavior despite how you feel; creating order and structure in your life.
- **Justice:** Being in accordance with rules, logic, or ethics and acting in a proper way; people receiving what they deserve; standing up for your rights and the rights of others.
- **Humility:** Being humble; not considering yourself more important than others; willing to accept correction when you are wrong and learning from your mistakes; doing your best without attracting attention to yourself.

- **Responsibility:** Being ethically accountable for the welfare and care of another; being answerable for your own behavior.
- **Kindness:** Having or showing a tender, considerate, friendly, generous or warmhearted nature to people, animals, and the environment.

We become just by practicing just actions, self-controlled by exercising self-control and courageous by performing acts of courage.

-Aristotle



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Your character is everything – it is the direction you take on all ideas and issues. You choose how you think and act.



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- ❖ ***Your character is everything.*** It motivates you to always be the best you can be.
- ❖ ***Character leads to persistence.*** Everyone faces adversity, challenges, or obstacles. Will you persist or panic?
- ❖ ***Character helps you chart your own course.*** Set your own standard, and follow your own sense of direction. Don't jump onto another person's bandwagon.
- ❖ ***Character helps you choose your response.*** Learn to step back, ponder, and evaluate situations. Don't rush into things because they are there.

- ❖ ***Character results in uncommon courtesy.*** This is the respect that inspired the "golden rule," which helps you treat everyone you meet the way you would like to be treated.
- ❖ ***Character helps you autograph your life with integrity.*** Integrity is the soundness of moral character. This strengthens your inner value system. You do what is right, not what is fashionable.
- ❖ ***Character results in the resiliency factor.*** It is the inner quality of life that helps you bounce back from failure or difficulty.
- ❖ ***Character helps you take responsibility for today.*** Passing the buck is a common practice in life. The immature mind blames anyone and anything but self. Being true to yourself, taking control, and accepting responsibility helps you experience fulfillment and joy.

Principles of Character

1. Your character is defined by what you do, not by what you say or believe.
2. Every choice you make helps define the kind of person you are choosing to be.
3. Good character requires doing the right thing even when it's costly or risky.
4. You don't have to adopt the worst behavior of others as a standard for yourself. You can choose to be better than that.
5. What you do matters and one person can make a big difference.
6. The payoff for good character is that it makes you a better person and it makes your community a better place.

