



How to Form a Good Character

Character is the accumulation of qualities that distinguishes one person from another. Character is not just one single trait, but the accumulation of all a person is, the sum total of all his traits.



Someone has suggested that reputation is what others think us to be, character is what God knows us to be.

How does a person develop and maintain a good character?

By getting in touch with yourself. Aristotle was not far off the mark when he suggested that one should “know thyself.” Personal integrity is the key to developing a good character. We have to ascertain and admit to what we need in order to form a good character. In order to know where you’re going, you must first realize where you are. “He that speaketh truth in his heart”—that’s necessary to the development of a good character (**see Psalm 15:1-2**).

By a constant contact with God. It is He who defines what is a good character, for it is He who has defined what is good in the first place. His word is not only an expression of Who and What He is, but a revelation of how we can become like Him, or be a “partaker of the divine nature” (**2 Peter 1:4**). His word tells us which way to go. A man of character does not walk just anywhere, but “his delight is in the law of the Lord and in His law doth he meditate both day and night” (**Psalm 1:2**). “Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word” (**Psalm 119:9**). A man’s character is developed by paying due attention to where he is going, to his path of pursuit, and that means a constant contact with the Father. *Continued on the next page*

