

Eisenhower Church of Christ

The Christian Personality

Have you ever wondered what characteristics a person must possess in order to be recognized as truly Christian? Many have. This is often pondered by conscientious Christians who want to represent their Lord and bear a godly influence on others. The question is answerable and it applies to all men. When the characteristics are combined and show forth in a person's life, a wonderful thing happens. That life manifest the glorious light of Christian influence, the most beautiful thing this world can behold. Through that life people see Jesus (Philippians 1:21).

Developing a truly Christian personality requires: 1) ***“seeking first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness”*** (Matthew 6:33); 2) ***“forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before,”*** while ***“pressing toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”*** (1 Philippians 3:13-14; 3) ***“...diligently studying God's Word to be a workman without shame unto God.”*** (cf. 2 Timothy 2:15); 4) thinking on ***“whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report” and things of virtue and praise*** (Philippians 4:5).

A characteristic of the Christian personality is the ability to cope with the realities of life. It empowers its holder to be content in whatever situation or condition he finds himself (Philippians 4:11-12). Besides, what is encountered in the daily affairs of “this life,” the genuine Christian personality manifests a serious consideration and evaluation of the spiritual realities in light of eternity. Therefore, a characteristic of the Christian personality is the recognition of Satan's strength ***“as a roaring lion,” and that he “walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”*** (I Peter 5:8). While understanding that all who ***“will live Godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution”*** (2 Timothy 3:12), knowing that nothing shall be able to separate faithful Christians from the love of God and that ultimately they will be more than conquerors (Romans 8:35-39; cf. I Corinthians 10:13) the Christian personality exhibits confidence. Since out of the heart are the issues of life (Proverbs 4:23), there is validity to the idea that words reveal the character of the speaker and that clothes reveal the character of the wearer. Modesty in clothes worn and in words spoken is definitely a characteristic of the Christian personality. That is why Paul wrote: ***“In like manner also, women should adorn themselves in modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, gold, pearls or costly array, but that which becometh women professing godliness with good works”*** (I Timothy 2:9-10). What is said about modest apparel here is equally applicable to men. Likewise, men and women possessing Christian character will control their speech, ***“speaking the truth in love”*** (Ephesians 4:15), ever bearing in mind that whatsoever done in word or in deed must be done in the name of the Lord (cf. Colossians 3:17). Speech done ***“always with grace, seasoned with salt”*** (Colossians 4:6) dictates its modesty.

On the other hand, there are characteristics the true Christian's personality cannot have. It cannot have: (1) Feelings of inferiority or feelings of superiority (2) Self-will, self-centeredness, self-servicing, selfishness (3) Hypocritical thinking or behavior (4) Capricious judging or being overly critical of self or of others (5) The overstepping of personal authority or the usurping of the authority of others. If one will bear in mind these five things, his

development in personality as a Christian will be much easier.

Needless to say, developing a Christian personality brings personal happiness. That is why Paul could say, **“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice”** (Philippians 4:4) Moreover, one of the qualities of the Christian personality is security. Whatever befalls one in this life, **“When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory”** (Colossians 3:4). Then, one can say ‘realize that the greatest reward of the Christian personality is salvation.’

—Tommy J. Hicks

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Connie Lowe**. After a lengthy battle with cancer Connie finally lost her fight Sunday morning, January 8th at her home. Allen Weakland conducted her Memorial Service at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 11th at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Keep Connie’s family in your prayers.

Also, our condolences go out to James Drake and his family in the loss of his brother, **Paul Drake**. Paul passed away Friday, January 6th in Granbury, TX. His services were conducted at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 8th and his burial took place on Monday in Granbury.

Prayer Request

Jeff Wesson has requested prayers for his first cousin’s wife, **Jody Langford**. Jody has been diagnosed with breast cancer and will have surgery soon.

Jason Moore (son of Melissa Moore) who was involved in a bad motorcycle accident two weeks ago is hospitalized in San Diego, CA. He is paralyzed from the chest down. Jason is 22 years old, married and was getting ready to be deployed on his 2nd tour duty in the Navy when the accident happened. Melissa is a friend to the Ryan family and is requesting that we keep Jason in our daily prayers.

Concerns Update

Nancy Eason’s mother, **Marjorie Foster** (who was involved in an auto accident two weeks ago is still recuperating from a broken leg at Don and Nancy’s home.

Jenny Fuls (Nancy’s sister) who was in the same auto accident, is still in the hospital in Lubbock, TX. She sustained multiple fractures. Jenny is making some improvement, but has a ways to go. Keep her and her mother in your prayers that they both can be well soon.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Lee Roy Bell, Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Bill Bundick; Mitchell Bundick; Sissy Bundick; Betty Burns; Crystal Card; Carlene & Glynn Chandler; John Cole; Barbara Crowder; Ruby Davis; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; John Ford; Shane Ford; Marjorie Foster; Melida Frazier; Jenny Fuls; Jane Gibbons; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Lon Howard; Charles Jones; Janis Laminack; Elder & Glenna McCarty; Jason Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Rudy Ochoa; Trina Plyler; Ivan Rigsby; Lester Savoy; Cynthia Schulze; Andrew Schwarz; Janelle Shirley; Brenda Simmons; Charles Simmons; John Tessorf; Marilyn Upshaw; James Weaver; Judy Wells; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; John Wood; Jack Wright; Toya Zambelli.

Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and the spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Ruby Davis; Roberta Hamil; Janice Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

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Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

Who gave Samson his first and only haircut?

Last Week's Bible Quiz answer...

Barabbas was released to the people instead of Jesus.

Events

Watch **"In Search of the Lord's Way"** every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the **"Speaking the Truth in Love"** program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Office News

The **"New Mexico Children's Home"** will be back in Odessa March 7th, 2017. They are requesting **Apple Cider Vinegar and plain Vinegar**. Monetary donations also accepted.

Think It Over

When you are told by the attending physician that you have only a little while to live, you will not regret one moment you have spent in the study of your Bible. After all other books are laid aside this Word will still face you in God's Judgment! We plead with you to carefully use this sacred volume in this life! It is God's personal message to you. Don't ignore or neglect it.

"...And now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified (Acts 20:32).

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119:105). "Your righteousness and Your law is truth (Ps. 119:142). "My soul faints for Your salvation but I hope in Your word" (Ps 119:81).

—Bulletin Digest

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Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Larry May
John Wood
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Mike Roemisch
Jacob Carson
Bill Brown

P.M.

Larry May
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Larry May
Joshua Weakland
Jr. Munoz
Dex Dennard

Lord's Supper

West...

Trinidad Wood

Scot Straw

Tony Marrs

East...

Tom Sorenson

Bill Ryan

Dylan Straw

Richard Siler

Communion

(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: **Elder:** Larry May 638-3990 **Deacon:** Don Easlon 288-5834 **Pulpit:** Richard Siler 362-1392 **Table:** Chris Butler 362-7486 **Song Leaders:** Denny Wilson 325-340-2291 **Recording Duties:** Tommy Garcia 638-2702 **Collections:** Tommy Garcia 638-2702

Sunday AM

"Indispensable Gospel"
(Romans 1:16-17)

Sunday PM

"Virtue of Perseverance"
(Matthew 7:7-11)

Our Records

Bible Class... 83

Morning Worship...135

Evening Worship...63

Wednesday...79

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