

CHARACTER BUILDER

MESSAGE NOTES

Joseph: Lessons on Perseverance
Sunday, June 12 | Tommy Duke
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WHAT IS CHARACTER?

THE MENTAL AND MORAL _____ DISTINCTIVE TO AN _____.

“...the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Don’t judge by his appearance or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t see things the way you see them. People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’” – 1 Samuel 16:7 (NLT)

- MY _____ IS WHO _____.
- MY CHARACTER IS WHO _____
(AND WHO GOD KNOWS I AM).
- AS A _____, I COOPERATE WITH GOD TO _____
MY CHARACTER.

“...Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.” – Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

“Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ... We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.” – Romans 5:1, 3-4 (NLT)

**PERSEVERANCE: _____ TO DO OR ACHIEVE SOMETHING
DESPITE DIFFICULTIES, FAILURE, OR OPPOSITION; _____;**

4 LESSONS FROM JOSEPH ON COOPERATING WITH GOD TO BUILD PERSEVERANCE INTO MY CHARACTER:

1) **RECOGNIZE THAT _____ IN THE UPS AND DOWNS OF MY LIFE.**

“The Lord was with Joseph, so he succeeded in everything he did as he served in the home of his Egyptian master. ... This pleased Potiphar, so he soon made Joseph his personal attendant. He put him in charge of his entire household and everything he owned.” – Genesis 39:2, 4 (NLT)

“But the Lord was with Joseph in the prison and showed him his faithful love. And the Lord made Joseph a favorite with the prison warden.” – Genesis 39:21 (NLT)

“You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head.” – Psalm 139:5 (NLT)

2) GIVE _____ AND GIVE _____ AS HE WORKS THROUGH ME.

“Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘I had a dream last night, and no one here can tell me what it means. But I have heard that when you hear about a dream you can interpret it.’ ‘It is beyond my power to do this,’ Joseph replied. ‘But God can tell you what it means and set you at ease.’” – Genesis 41:15-16 (NLT)

“As predicted, for seven years the land produced bumper crops. During those years, Joseph gathered all the crops grown in Egypt and stored the grain from the surrounding fields in the cities. He piled up huge amounts of grain like sand on the seashore. Finally, he stopped keeping records because there was too much to measure.” – Genesis 41:47-49 (NLT)

“And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.” – Colossians 3:17 (NLT)

3) _____ THOSE I BELIEVE HAVE DONE ME _____.

“...I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. ... God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors.” – Genesis 45:4-5, 7 (NLT)

“Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” – Colossians 3:13 (NLT)

4) ANTICIPATE GOD'S _____ WITH A _____.

“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.” – Romans 8:28 (NLT)

Memory Verse:

“You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.” – Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

“For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.” – 2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (NLT)

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- Memorize Genesis 50:20.
- Rededicate myself to doing everything to the best of my abilities and giving God glory through my efforts.
- Offer forgiveness to someone or multiple people who have done me wrong.
- Commit to pray for God to move this week during Vacation Bible School (Sunday, June 12 – Thursday, June 16).
- Sign Up for Summer Growth Group# _____.

*Join us again next Sunday, June 19, as we continue *Character Builder*. We will look at Caleb to learn about commitment. It's a great Sunday to invite a friend to join you!

*Bible verses are from the New King James Versions (NKJV)
or the New Living Translation (NLT) unless otherwise noted.*

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