

UnCommon Sense

“What a Character”

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1 Samuel 16⁷ *But 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.”*

Who I am is as important as what I do (Prov 16:2, 17:3, 20:27)

Proverbs 16² *People may be pure in their own eyes, but the LORD examines their motives.*

Wisdom builds Character

- Always ready for a change in plans
(Proverbs 14:8, 14:15-16, 15:22, 16:9, 20:18, **22:3**)
- Cut people some slack
(Proverbs 10:12, 14:29, 15:18, 17:9, **19:11**)
- Live with a positive outlook
(Proverbs 10:28, 15:15, 17:22)
- Have a heart and mind of truth
(Proverbs 11:3, 12:19-20, 16:22, 17:20)
- Be who I am no matter where I am
(Proverbs **10:9**, 10:29, 11:20, 20:7)

Being open to Wisdom

- Pride closes my mind and heart to wisdom
(Proverbs 11:2, 13:10, 14:3, 16:5, **16:18**, 29:23)
- Wise people are always learning
(Proverbs 12:23, 16:20, **19:20**, 23:12)
- Lessons often come in the form of correction
(Proverbs **10:17**, 12:1, 13:18, 14:9, 15:5, 25:12)
- I can learn from others who have wisdom
(Proverbs 13:10, 13:13, 15:22, 19:20)
- A dose of humility is the best route to wisdom
(Proverbs 11:2, **15:33**, 16:19, 22:4, 29:23)

Going Deeper...

For discussion or personal study

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Questions

1. What do we usually mean when we say someone is “a character” versus someone “having character”? Anyone come to mind on either?
2. Why is godly character important? As long as we act the right way, why does character matter?
3. How does wisdom build character? Have I seen this happen in my own life?
4. How can pride ruin our lives?
5. How can we continue to learn throughout life?
6. Why is it hard to be humble? How will it lead to wisdom?

Scripture

Read Matthew 7:24-27.

1. How does wisdom prepare us for whatever may come our way? Have I seen this in my life?
2. Wisdom is not just a heart issue nor is it just about actions... it’s both. How does having both provide stability in life?

Application

- What is one adjustment that needs to be made to my character? How will that happen?
- How has learning wisdom changed who I am? How can I keep continuing to learn wisdom?