

January 11 Sermon Notes

CHRISTIAN CHARACTER: A FAMILY CHALLENGE

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. -Galatians 5:25 NIV

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. -Luke 2:52 NIV

1. _____ (Wisdom)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

1 Peter 3:15b NIV

2. _____ (Stature)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

3. _____ (Favor with God)

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-2 NIV

4. _____ (Favor with others)

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

1 Timothy 4:12 NIV

"Families must recognize their fundamental responsibility to develop character. Character is how we think, feel, act—cognitive, affective and behavioral. Character consists of good and bad habits, virtues and vices. Habits are behaviors that are repeated and ingrained as automatic responses.

--J. McEven

Developing Character/Focus Your Family, p. 16

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