

Daily Devotion For April 26, 2023

Bloodthirsty men hate a man of integrity and seek to kill the upright.  
Proverbs 29:10

Yesterday I was asked to give a character reference for a person applying for a government position. The interview was done in person by a member of the Department of Homeland Security. During my interview I was asked to speak to the person's character and if in my opinion they were trustworthy with government classified information. I had no problem giving a positive character reference, but it made me think about the word character.

Politicians are often times scrutinized for their character. But the character issue is not just for politicians but an issue that each one of us must take seriously, mainly, is our own character what it should be? Are we as Christians demonstrating lives of integrity, truthfulness, honesty, humility etc.? Christian character is what God is trying to build within us each and every day. God's desire is that we continually be transformed into a closer image of his son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Thought For Today:** Let me share with you a few quotes on Character:

- "Sow a thought, reap an act. Sow an act, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny."
- "Character is what you are in the dark."
- "There is nothing truly great in any person except character."
- "Your Character is what God knows you to be. Your reputation is what men think you are."
- "The measure of a person's true character is what they would do if they knew that they would never be found out."
- "Christian character is Jesus Christ on display in every believer."

In summary, your convictions are the basis of your character. Your habits are the mold for your character. Conflict is the testing of your character; and it is the measure of your courage which determines the extent of your character. The following puts it well: "Be careful of your thoughts for your thoughts become your words. Be careful of your actions for your actions become your habits. Be careful of your habits for your habits become your character. Be careful of your character for your character becomes your destiny."

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Pray for a godly character. Deo Volente.