# Character Building Training

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## Dear friend, prospective character-building student

Many people are suffering either due to being born with strong passions and inclinations toward harmful things or raised in broken homes, perhaps married into dysfunctional and unhappy relationship. One way or another, we are all damaged and have had to suffer the consequences of our own poor choices. Or you are considering yourself to be a new-born Christian, yet feeling your "first love" waning

away by some cold experiences and would like to rekindle your relationship with Jesus. This seminar is offering you key principles to help you rise above this miasma of darkness (Is 60:2) into the light and glory of Christ.

Thank you for your interest in taking this character building training with us. Honestly, our hearts thrill every time we see someone starting out in this journey, and we are committed to support you every step of the way, which leads us inevitably through Jesus' Golgotha. All eternity we will study the mysteries of the cross of Jesus and yet never exhaust it! We cannot by-



pass His cross and ours as well in our daily decisions we do between the lust of our flesh and the desires of the Spirit (Gal 5:17).

There is no higher desire than to become like Christ. Jesus Himself longs for such souls, though they are very rare. You are truly precious in His eyes:

"When the fruit is brought forth, immediately He puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come." Christ is waiting with longing desire for the manifestation of Himself in His church. When the character of Christ shall be perfectly reproduced in His people, then He will come to claim them as His own. {Christ Object Lessons, p. 69.1}

We offer you our <u>online character building training</u>. For your preview, here is the link to <u>Lesson 01</u>.

We ask the prospective students to commit to a regular number of hours each week to pursue this training and to let us know, how many hours you are willing to commit. The reason we ask this information is that the secret to success in character building is the same as most other endeavors in life: and that is CONSISTENCY. Take courage - if you will be consistent you CAN deepen your relation with Jesus, your closest family, friends and perhaps even help others grow in character as well. That is our prayer for you. John 20:21: *Then Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! as the Father has sent Me, so send I you.'* 

Here's little bit of about us. My wife Sylvia and I live in California. At the moment we serve in health ministry called <u>Modern Manna</u>. Sylvia is from USA, I am from Slovakia. <u>You can see our faces</u> at the bottom of this page.

**Application:** Please write us little bit about yourself. Where do you live, your age. Describe your Christian experience, your family, your work and what would you hope to gain from this training. We would appreciate if you could send us your picture too.

## Outline of character building training:

The whole program is based on seminar "From Glory to Glory" with 40 lessons. You can watch it, read it, print it or listen to in our website.

### Part I. What is done for us

The first section includes lessons 1 - 16 (there are 18 lessons because lessons 9 and 14 have two parts). We are all prone to try and "save ourselves" by our works, yet we need to realize what is provided for us, outside of ourselves, by our heavenly Father and Jesus Christ. Only then can we learn how to cooperate with God in the GREAT PLAN OF SALVATION.

First we focus on the provisions God has made available for His glory to be restored in us. This part of the course will help us to build the good and solid foundation underneath for what comes next, which is what God wants to accomplish through us.

### Part II. What is done through us

There are 22 lessons (lesson 22 has two parts). We have an absolutely essential, active, cooperative role to play if we are going to be changed by the Holy Spirit! But what is our part? What must we do? Here is a thought from L22B:

You cannot divide Christ! You cannot say, "Listen, I'm interested in the righteousness part, but don't bother me with the Lordship. I don't want to have to live the sanctified life." You can't do that! It's a package deal. The same God who, at infinite cost to Himself, made it possible for you to be set free from the condemnation of sin by His imputed righteousness, makes it possible for you to be set free from the control of sin by His imparted righteousness; and the same faith that is sufficient to justify you will be sufficient to cooperate with the Holy Spirit that you might be sanctified.

### The training itself has four components:

- 1) In each lesson there are two quizzes. They are yours to answer and they are designed to help you gain important insights into each lecture. If you didn't reach 100% feel free to retake them and see what you have missed.
- 2) In order to see how well you comprehend the content of each lesson, we also ask you to create your own outline of it. In your own words try to express the main principles presented in few points. This will also help you to share with others what you are learning. In fact, this training is built on the principle that the best way to learn is by sharing or teaching others.

Be aware that at the end of Part I. you will be asked to summarize all 18 lessons in one outline. Save each section's outline, so that you can see the flow of the character building process. Just like no one would start at the roof when building a house, we also need to recognize that there is a certain order in the development of character. It is extremely important for us to understand this process in the home, at work, or church, and wherever we have an influence on others.

- 3) After two parts dealing with theory, next comes the real thing! Please write three very short stories just the main points from your own life or from observations of people you know. Ideally, something fresh from the past week or two. These stories have to relate to some principle presented in the assigned lesson. This activity will help you to **develop the ability to see God's glory in your daily life** and in the life of those around you. To make this training truly valuable, it has to be connected with your day to day life.
- **4)** Lastly, share some of the insights that you gained in these lessons, or one of your stories with someone by email, telephone, social media, or in person, and let us know how people reacted to it. Some might not be interested, but you may just find opportunities to encourage a friend in making some choice, or to focus more on Jesus in some difficult situation. Such blessings are invaluable! So again, three short stories containing the reactions of those with whom you share the principles you learn about. One way you could do it might be something like this:

"Dear ...

I recently started a character building training program and one of the assignments is to share some principles from it. Would you be willing to be "my feedback person" or "sounding board"? (use the most fitting phrase for a given person) I will send you some thought or principle I am studying and would simply like to know what you think about it. Perhaps it will bring some inspiration into your life too! Here is my first one - ..."

Or, for a one-time contacts:

Hi my friend, I recently read this thought provoking statement: ... (copy there your thought from the lesson) What do you thing about it?

You have two options: you can share with some people occasionally or you can find a willing friend who will be your "long term" contact. Obviously such a person would be very blessed by your sharing. Do you see the value in such effort? We pray you will not see it too hard and that you will even find great pleasure in it.

The speed of progress is entirely up to you. But practically speaking, if you are busy, one lesson a week is doable and it keeps you on track.

"Deny self, ye must step fast." I saw that some of us have had time to get the truth, and to advance step by step, and every step we have taken has given us strength to take the next. But now time is almost finished, and what we have been years learning, they will have to learn in a few months. {ExV 55.1}

We did this seminar in our church during our Friday evening vespers program. The way we did it was to divide each lesson into two parts, each is about 30 minutes long. After watching the first half, we discussed with our guests the questions you have in your quizzes. The next week we would do the second half of the presentation. This is the reason why you have two quizzes in word documents for each lesson. You can do the same thing in your morning devotions. Half lesson plus quiz should fit into one hour.

Now, the best way to stay on track is to start this character building training with someone near you. If your local church would be interested, you can do it like we did. Or, you can find a few friends who are spiritually minded and do these studies together in someone's home and hold each other ACCOUNTABLE as you work through the course. Do you have friends who would be interested in studying this seminar with you? Why not invite them to join with you!

You can use our online version of the seminar where you have the video with subtitles, and a transcript of the lesson in pdf or you can order a set of the 20 DVDs for yourselves. We have it in our Eshop for \$140.00, but for those who decide to be G2G students we offer it for \$90.00. But to watch it on our website is free. Another option is to buy a CD with all the lessons in MP3 format, and put them into your phone, computer, or media player and listen to it while you walk or work in the kitchen or garden or drive on the road. Student price for this is \$20.00.

We wish to offer this training free of charge, especially for those who cannot afford it, but it takes time and money to make it available. We also know from experience that when people don't invest anything on their part, they tend to lose sight of the value of it and are inclined to give up after awhile. On the other hand, when a program costs us something, we don't want to lose the invested value. If you would like to help support this training for others, just let us know.

If you decide to enter into this training the price for **Part I (18 lessons)** is **\$144.00. Part II (22 lessons)** is for **\$176.00.** If you choose to pay for the whole training, then the price is **\$280.00**. There is an option **\$50.00** for each **Part** for those who wouldn't sign in only because of the price. We truly believe this is the most important work we need to engage in. We would like to give you our support and encouragement in your journey for better health and lovely Christ-like character.

Pastor Wallace, the speaker, spent more than 30 years researching this profound subject and shared it personally as he traveled around the whole world. The sponsor, who paid to professionally record the seminar you see on the web, along with other people who helped, invested about \$250,000. This shows the value they saw in this information. Ultimately, it was Jesus who paid for the heart of this message with His own blood. Remember, that character building is the most important work ever entrusted to us because it contains the core of the whole gospel.

God provided the means to record this seminar and we know it helped thousands before and helps thousands more today as others watch it or read it online. The main difference between watching the seminar on web or entering into *character building training* course is the active engagement. We passively watch many different things but our program helps you to internalize the principles presented into your own life. Just as listening to a nice music is one thing, but learning to produce music is another, so to get the most out of this program will require effort, consistency, motivation and determination. Yet what marvelous fruits it will produce! Every one around us will be blessed by engaging in such process!

Therefore we would like you to be aware of the other price on your side: it is your time invested into this training and consistency to keep advancing in it and to live and share what you learn.

The coin, though lying among dust and rubbish, is a piece of silver still. Its owner seeks it because it is of value. So every soul, however degraded by sin, is in God's sight accounted precious. As the coin bears the image and superscription of the reigning power, so man at his creation bore the image and superscription of God; and though now marred and dim through the influence of sin, the traces of this inscription remain upon every soul. God desires to recover that soul and to retrace upon it His own image in righteousness and holiness. {Christ Object Lessons, p. 194.3}

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.** 

You should keep off from Satan's enchanted ground and not allow your minds to be swayed from allegiance to God. **Through Christ you may and should be happy and should acquire habits of self-control.** Even your thoughts must be brought into subjection to the will of God and your feelings under the control of reason and religion. Your imagination was not given you to be allowed to run riot and have its own way without any effort at restraint or discipline. If the thoughts are wrong the feelings will be wrong, and the thoughts and feelings combined make up the moral character. When you **decide** that as Christians you are not required to restrain your thoughts and feelings you are brought under the influence of evil angels and invite their presence and their control. If you yield to your impressions and allow your thoughts to run in a channel of suspicion, doubt, and repining you will be among the most unhappy of mortals, and your lives will prove a failure. {Testimonies for the Church, vol. 5, p. 310.1}

But the infinite sacrifice of God in giving Jesus, His beloved Son, to become a Sacrifice for sin, enables Him to say, without violating one principle of His government: "Yield yourself up to Me; give Me that will; take it from the control of Satan, and I will take possession of it; then I can work in you to will and to do of My good pleasure." When He gives you the mind of Christ, your will becomes as His will, and your character is transformed to be like Christ's character. {Mind, Character, and Personality, vol. 2, p. 686.1}

To form a character that God will approve requires persevering effort. {The Watchman, September 22, 1908 par. 4}

If we would develop a character which God can accept, we must form correct habits in our religious life. Daily prayer is as essential to growth in grace, and even to spiritual life itself, as is temporal food to physical well-being. We should accustom ourselves to lift the thoughts often to God in prayer. If the mind wanders, we must bring it back; by persevering effort, habit will finally make it easy. We cannot for one moment separate ourselves from Christ with safety. We may have His presence to attend us at every step, but only by observing the conditions which He Himself has laid down. {The Sanctified Life, p. 93.1}

Aren't these amazing promises?

We need a constant sense of the ennobling power of pure thoughts. The only security for any soul is right thinking. As a man "thinks in his heart, so is he." Proverbs 23:7. **The power of self-restraint strengthens by exercise. That which at first seems difficult, by constant repetition grows easy, until right thoughts and actions become habitual.** If we will, we may turn away from all that is cheap and inferior, and rise to a high standard; we may be respected by men and beloved of God. {MH 491.3}

Are you ready to start building your character? Please, let us know at <u>office@revivalseminars.org</u>

We pray you will be blessed and decide to join us,



