

**Men's Monday Night
September 12, 2022**

Christian Character/Week 1 – Discipline

DEFINING CHARACTER

A person's character consists of qualities that determine his response to the circumstances and challenges of life. Character is what motivates us to respond in the way that we do when confronted with the realities of life that require us to make choices or decisions.

The Greek word for character is – charakte'r – which is the word originally used to describe an engraving tool of the impressions left by an engraving tool. In Scripture, the word for character means “express image.” Christ is referred to in Hebrews 1:3 as the “express image” of God.

Romans 8:28-29 says this:

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

DISCIPLINE

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Discipline is *Delayed gratification*.

“The key to practicing discipline can be described in three words – advance decision making. You are making an advance decision to delay gratification as long as necessary to achieve the results you most desire. That's discipline.”

Additional Reading

Daniel Chapter 3
1 Corinthians Chapter 9
Romans 12
Psalm 1
1 Timothy 4