

Our Character - Maturity Magnified



Our study of Spiritual Maturity has shown us that the insides are as _____ as the outsides. The insides direct the outsides (Mk 7:20-23) Change the insides and the outsides change. Without changing the insides, the outsides become a false reality.

Hebrews 13:5-6 *“Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”* ⁶ *so that we confidently say, “THE LORD IS MY HELPER, I WILL NOT BE AFRAID. WHAT WILL MAN DO TO ME?”*

A. This passage in Hebrews focuses upon our Character
There are things that magnify what is in us. They bring to the forefront what is within us.

Magnifier	Mature	Immature
Money		
Stress		
Praise		
Criticism		
Troubles		
Hurt by Others		
Helping Others		

B. Character is who we are on the _____. Our character can be changed, made better or made worse. Our character shapes our _____ and is the _____ of what words and what tone we speak

What are some other magnifiers of our character?

1. The expression, “the love of money” is used elsewhere in the N.T. Where? What does it say there?
2. How does the love of money negatively affect our character?
3. How does one keep their character free from the love of money?
 - What is significant about the “Make sure” aspect of this?
4. What factors shape our character?
5. What two promises are found in these Hebrew verses?
 - How do these promises help with the love of money?
6. The context of Hebrews 13 identifies two more powerful thoughts after our verse:
 - R_____ (7): what should we remember?
 - who do you remember?
 - Do not be c_____ a_____ by strange teachings (9)
 - How would spiritual maturity and character make a difference with this?