

KINGDOM CHARACTER

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1st Corinthians 6:12

Kingdom character is different from your individual character. Your individual character is developed and cultivated from the **MORALITY** structure of the world. Kingdom character is **LEARNED** and nurtured from the morality foundation of God's Kingdom.

For instance, your character as an individual has been influenced by the media, family customs, cultural trends and societal norms such as paying your taxes, working a job, getting an education, etc.

Kingdom character is **NOT** dependent or learned through mainstream media. Kingdom character is **NOT** influenced by societal trends. Kingdom character is a **DISCIPLINE** that pleases God at all times.

RIGHT IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT

1st Corinthians 6:12 says, *"I am allowed to do all things," but not all things are good for me to do. "I am allowed to do all things," but I will not let anything make me its slave."*

The Apostle Paul understood the difference between Kingdom character and your individual character. Your character as an individual focuses on doing what is **LEGALLY PERMISSIBLE** even though it is not morally right. Just because the legal system has made it acceptable it doesn't mean it's the right thing to do.

Is it legally permissible to sleep with anyone in this country? Yes. However, is it morally right? No. Is it legally permissible to marry a person of the same sex in the United States? Yes. However is it morally right? No. Is it legally permissible to smoke recreational marijuana in the United States? Yes. However, is it morally right? No.

Right is not always right! Kingdom discipline chooses to **RESTRAIN** itself from what is immoral even though it's legally permissible. The Apostle Paul understood this. He dedicated himself to having Kingdom character.

God honors people who **CHOOSE** to do what is **MORALLY** right. This is the discipline that is required if you decide to live as a Kingdom citizen. Your character speaks volumes to people.

In order to influence the world with righteousness it starts with this. Your character is the foundation for who you are. It is the light that people see and the gravitation people are drawn to.

BUILD IT UP

Remember Kingdom character is learned. It is your responsibility to groom yourself in becoming a person of this type of character. In order to do this, you must continuously study the word of God so that you can

understand what is **MORALLY ACCEPTABLE** in God's Kingdom.

God's Kingdom has different standards than the world's philosophies on **EVERY** issue. Nine times out of ten what is legally permissible in the world is **NOT** morally acceptable in the Kingdom. Your job is to discover the difference so that you can develop Kingdom character.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES

INDIVIDUAL character promotes **SELFISHNESS**.

KINGDOM character promotes **SELFLESSNESS**.

INDIVIDUAL character promotes **PRIDE**.

KINGDOM character promotes **HUMILITY**.

INDIVIDUAL character promotes **LYING**.

KINGDOM character promotes **HONESTY**.

INDIVIDUAL character promotes leaning on your **INTELLECT**.

KINGDOM character promotes leaning on **GOD**.

These are just a few items but there are many more comparisons to discover. There are many benefits to adopting a Kingdom Character. However, the most important benefit is that you will please God.

Ecclesiastes 2:26 says, *"If people please God, God will give them wisdom, knowledge, and joy. But sinners will get only the work of gathering and storing wealth that they will have to give to the ones who please God. So all their work is useless, like chasing the wind."* NCV.

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