

Building Character

Romans 5:4



**Constructing a Better, Stronger,
More Excellent *YOU!***

The Foundation of Character



**God-less or
God-centered**

**MY BEHAVIORS
& ACTIONS**
are based on...

MY VALUES
are based on...

**MY
CONVICTIONS**
are based on...

MY WORLDVIEW
is based on????



The Foundation of Character

- ***Begins with the fear of God***
(Proverbs 1:7)
 - This fear (high respect) for God involves knowing WHO He is and WHAT His Nature demands of us.
 - The Book of Proverbs analyzes moral decisions from this foundation
(Proverbs 14:26-27; 16:6; 19:23; 23:17-18)



The Fear of God

Building a Trustworthy Character

- Elements Involved

- Honesty
- Integrity
- Reliability
- Loyalty



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PROVERBS 8:7

- Integrity

In Communication

- Reliability

1) Truthfulness

- Loyalty

2) Sincerity

3) Candor

In Conduct: Play by rules; no cheating, stealing, fraud, trickery, pilfering, embezzling (**Proverbs 20:17**)

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Proverbs 10:9; 11:3

Undivided; not two-faced; sound in principles



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Faithfulness &
Trustworthiness

**Proverbs 25:19;
28:20**



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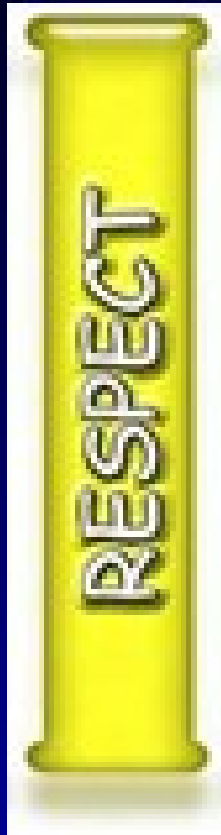
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**Unwavering
Commitment in
Human
Relationships**

Proverbs 17:17

Building Respect Into Your Character



- The Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12)
- Respect prohibits:
 - Violence
 - Humiliation
 - Manipulation
 - Exploitation

Building Respect



Respect will be reflected in:

Civility

Courtesy

Decency

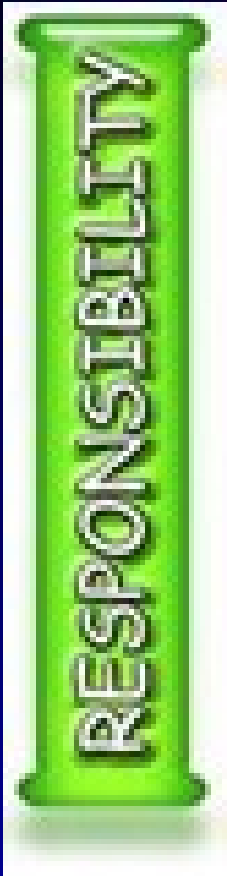
Dignity

Autonomy

Tolerance

Leviticus 19:32
1 Peter 3:8

Build a Responsible Character



- Being in charge of our choices and life; being accountable for what we do & who we are (Proverbs 24:12)
- Accepting consequences for our choices (Prov. 1:31; 5:22; 14:14)
- Pursuing excellence and showing self-restraint (2 Peter 1:5-7)
- Doing more than expected (Matthew 5:41)

Building a Sense of Fairness



- Adhering to a balanced standard of justice without reference to one's own biases or interests (Proverbs 20:23)
- Making decisions without favoritism or prejudice (Proverbs 24:23)

Building a Caring Spirit




- Feeling an emotional connection to others and showing a sincere concern for their well being (Proverbs 21:13; 22:9; 28:27)

Building Good Citizenship



- Respect the King and stay in his good graces (Proverbs 16:14-15; 22:11; 24:21; 1 Peter 2:13-17)
 - Obey laws
 - Honor authorities
 - Do good

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**Your
Character**



The Fear of God