

Unlocking the Good Life

A series in Philippians

Character of a Follower
Phil 2:19-30



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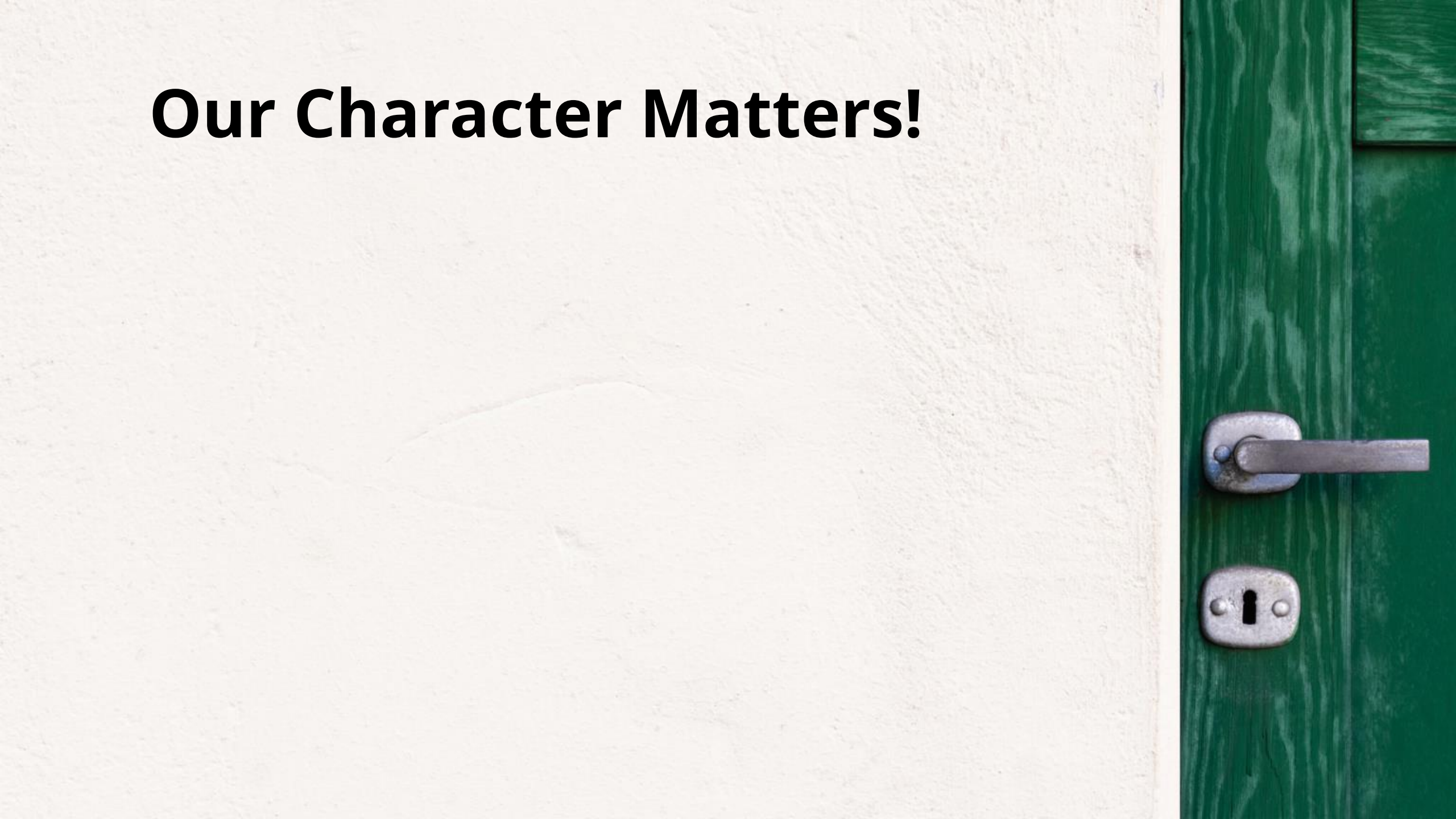


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“Duty is the handmaiden of love and honour. Duty recognizes a cause greater than one's self; it is choosing the right thing rather than the convenient thing.”

-- Ravi Zacharias



Inviting people to join us in following Jesus

*"If any of you wants to be my follower, you must **give up** your own way, take up your **cross** daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 NLT*

-- Jesus



Take your Spiritual Growth Seriously

"Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose."

Phil 2:12b-13 NIV



Godly Examples



Timothy:

“I have no one else like him.” Phil 2:20 NIV

Epaphroditus:

“Hold men like him in highest honour.

Phil 2:29 PHP



1. Compassion

*"He is the only one who shares my feelings and who **really cares** about you. Everyone else is concerned only with their own affairs, not with the cause of Jesus Christ."*

Phil 2:20-21 GNT

Lesson: Putting people first!



2. Consistency

*"Timothy has **proved** himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel."*

Phil 2:22 NIV

Lesson: No Compromise



2. Consistency

*"People with integrity walk **safely** [securely], but those who follow crooked paths will be exposed."*

Proverbs 10:9 NLT

Lesson: No Compromise



2. Consistency

"It is a wonderful heritage to have an honest father."
Proverbs 20:7 TLB

Lesson: No Compromise



3. Cooperation

"I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker, and fellow soldier." Phil 2:25 NIV

Lesson: No Competition among Family



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2. Fellowship
3. Fight



4. Commitment

"Your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. ...he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him." Phil 2:25,27 NIV

Lesson: Put the Cause of Christ First



4. Commitment

"Faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."

James 2:17 NLT

Lesson: Put the Cause of Christ First



5. Courage

Lesson: Take Risks for the Kingdom



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*“Welcome him in the Lord’s love and with great joy, and give him the honour that people like him deserve. For he **risked** his life for the work of Christ, and he was at the point of death while doing for me what you couldn’t do from far away.” Phil 2:29-30 NLT*

Lesson: Take Risks for the Kingdom



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“So then my brothers, because of God’s great mercy to us, offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to His service and pleasing to Him. Don’t conform to the standard of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind.”

Romans 12:1-2 GNT

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5. Courage

*“Only those who **throw away their lives** for my sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live.”*

Mark 8:35 TLB

Lesson: Take Risks for the Kingdom

