Introduction: **2 Peter 1.5-11**

**I) The Importance of Character**

**A) It determines our , for it determines how we think, act, and react, Acts 10.34,35**

**B) It others, Acts 11.22-24**

**II) Potent Factors in Developing Character**

**A) - like father like son.**

**B)**

**C)**

***Of the three, the will is the most important***

**III) Essentials In Building Christian Character**

**A) Believe in the ultimate triumph of over .**

1. This is often difficult but God assures us that the bottom line for truth and right is victory.

2. Our recent study in Revelation is one of victory of Christ over Satan, the church over the world. See **1 Corinthians 15.24; 2 Timothy 4.7,8; Phil. 3.18-21**

**B) Discipline the**  **Proverbs 4.23, and Phil. 4.8.**

**C) Do not overlook things**

1. Every little duty done well equips one for greater service, **Matthew 10.42**; 25.21. .

2. Small things often make up the big picture.

**D) Recognize that God requires our .**

1. Old Testament offerings had to be without blemish, **Mal. 1.14**

2. Every act of service to be done with diligence, **Ecc. 9.10.**

3. The lazy servant was condemned, **Matthew 25.14-30.**

**E) Recognize a key word in character is "** , **Matthew 20.27,28**;**Acts 20.35**

**F) Choose wisely**, **1 Corinthians 15.33.**

**G) Remember temporary nature of things and the lasting nature of things.**

1. **1 John2.15-17** a lot of people place the emphasis on the wrong things.

2. Jesus often used physical things to make a point about spiritual things.

**H) Recognize the importance of . Psalm 90.10**

1. We don't have much of it, **James 4.14.**

2. It is important that you get an early start.

Conclusion: Have you become a Christian? Are you building the kind the kind of Christian character that will endure the storms of life?