# Character - Life and Ministry Development

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## 12 Character

*Definition*: This dimension is about looking to Christ who is the express image of the invisible God, as our example of godly character, and then being restored as image-bearers of God ourselves, developing Christ-like character and becoming love, because God is love.

*Objective: As born again believers and new creations in Christ, growing up into a mature Christian, to the measure and stature of the fullness of Christ.*

### 1. Worldview and Perspective (What is real and a source of truth?)

What does the world say about character development? What does the bible say?

### 2. Beliefs (What do you believe?)

What do you believe about the character of Jesus Christ and about your own character?

### 3. Values (What is good or important? What things do you place worth on?)

Write down things you currently value or consider important in terms of character and who you express yourself to be?

### 4. Behaviors (What do you do?)

What attributes and characteristics currently define your behavior? What character qualities do you want to grow in? What Christ-like characteristic is God calling you to specifically grow in this month?

### 5. First Principles

Write down some of the first principles from this dimension. First principles are basic and fundamental propositions, concepts or assumptions that cannot be deduced any further and stand alone. They represent the first things that must be learned, upon which everything else is built.

### 6. Developing New Standards and Convictions based on Biblical Truth

(Develop your own list of standards and convictions to live by using the following template.

The Bible says\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I believe\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and value\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Therefore I \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

## 7. Personal Development Plan

Personal Development Plans demonstrate your ability to plan according to your unique purpose, story, abilities, roles and responsibilities, resources, disciplines and determinations, and lifelong wisdom. Start to develop you plan for this specific dimension.

### My Story

#### Life Dimension Assessment

For this area of your life, complete an analysis for where you are at right now. What am I thankful for in this area?

What are some problems, frustrations, concerns or challenges in this area?

#### My Life Through the Decades

For every decade of your life up until now, record key events, people, experiences, challenges, and achievements for this area of your life.

0-10y:

10-20y:

20-30y:

30-40y:

…

### My Purpose

What role or roles do you currently have in this area? (ex. disciple, parent, student, etc). What responsibilities do you have that correspond with each of your roles? (with each role, include the approximate amount of time you spend every week in that role and responsibility)

Create your own personal life purpose/mission statement for this dimension based on what you believe about your identity and purpose.

### My Abilities

How has God equipped you in this area? List your assets, strengths, talents, spiritual gifts and skills in this area or your life. Include God-given spiritual gifts, and also those developed through life experience and study. An example in this area may be “ability to speak clearly in front of a large crowd, ability to lead worship and play an instrument, etc.”

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### My Legacy (dreams, goals, and desires)

Write down your dreams, goals, and desires in this area of your life. Goals are dreams with a deadline. Desires are things that you don’t have full control to accomplish (i.e. a loved one coming to Christ). You may include some dreams that have already come true or goals that have already been accomplished. Try and categorize them in terms of short (1-2yr), middle (3-10yr), or long (10+) term or legacy goals that will continue past your lifetime.

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### My Strategy

Develop a plan of action that takes you from where you are to where you want to be. A good plan will involve the following:

1. Set your goals and objectives
2. identifying resources based on your assets and abilities (may include other’s resources as well)
3. Identify the who, what, when, where, why, how
4. List specific steps and actions to do in the next 90 days
5. Monitor your progress and results

### My Habits (disciplines, habits and routines)

Write down some habits and routines that you would like to develop to further align your life with Scriptural guidelines and move you toward your personal dreams, goals and desires and then categorize them based on frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly)

### My Sources of Wisdom

Identify your primary sources of wisdom in this dimension (bible, educational materials, mentors, friends, books, news, social media, etc). Record specific bible verses related to this dimension. Who are some people whom you may know personally or may have written books regarding this area of your life? How can you engage those people to help further your growth and maturity? Update your habits and routines if needed to coincide with what you plan to develop.

## Appendix: Christ-like Character

### Biblical Worldview and Perspective

#### Passages regarding Jesus Christ and growing in Christ-like Character

* Hebrews 1:1-13
* 1 John 4:7-9
* Ephesians 4:1-5:2
* Philippians 1:27-2:16
* 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
* Colossians 1:15-23
* 1 Peter 1:13-2:3
* 2 Peter 1:3-11
* 1 John 2:3-6
* Philippians 1:27-2:16
* Galatians 5:22-25
* Philippians 3:7-17
* Philippians 4:8-9
* 2 Corinthians 7:1
* Colossians 1:27-2:10
* Colossians 3:1-14
* 1 Tim 3:1-13
* Titus 2:1-10

### Beliefs

* I believe that Jesus Christ is the expressed image of God and radiance of His glory
* I believe that Christ lives in me and has empowered me with His Holy Spirt to live a life of godliness
* I believe that I have become a partaker of Christ’s divine nature and now have a personal responsibility to put off the old self and it’s selfish and evil desires and to put on the new self, according to the image of Christ

### Values

* Christ-like character – holiness, righteousness, love
* Fruits of the Spirit

### Behaviors

* Walking in Love
* Kindness
* Godliness

### Sample Standards

* The Bible says that the Spirt of Jesus Christ now dwells in me and I have become a new creation. I believe that by God’s grace, I am called to live a life of holiness and godliness and glorify God through my life. Therefore, I put off the old manner of life and the selfish desires of the flesh and put on the new self that has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth and walk in love.

### Lifelong Learning and additional resources

#### Foundations

1. The Measure of a Man by Gene Getz
2. Humility by Andrew Murray

#### Intermediate

1. Knowing God by J.I. Packer
2. The Normal Christian Life by Watchman Nee

#### Advanced

1. *BILD Leadership Series 1: Character of a Leader*
2. *2011 HCSKL – Dan Mohler*