

Character Counts: Building a Life That Pleases God

They, Being Dead, Still Speak

HEBREWS 11:32–38



The Heart of the Matter

Over the vast expanse of Scripture, a variety of admirable people cross our paths. Because God not only preserved the record of their lives but also used each one to model particular character traits, it seems appropriate for us to become better acquainted with both the people and their individual qualities, which are worth emulating. By way of introduction, we want to get our foot in the door of this series by looking at the great biographical chapter in the New Testament—Hebrews 11—which has been called “God’s Hall of Faith.” These men and women lived lives worthy of being remembered, so let’s remember them—for they, being dead, still speak.



Discovering the Way

1. The Lasting Legacy of Character Greatness

Character is the moral, ethical, and spiritual undergirding that rests on truth, that reinforces a life, and that resists the temptation to compromise. Four conclusions frame our understanding of character’s presence in our lives.

2. A List of Lives Worth Honoring (Hebrews 11:32–38)

Hebrews 11 is filled with imperfect people who, in spite of that, possessed greatness of character.



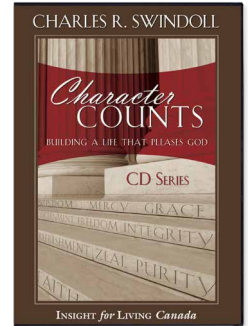
Starting Your Journey

Be mindful of three easily forgotten reminders that will enhance the development of good character:

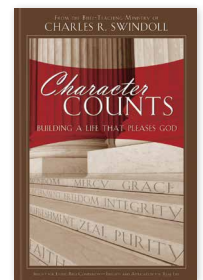
1. Character tends to flourish in later life when good seeds are planted in early life.
2. Character seems more possible in us when we see it modeled in others.
3. Character can withstand the hard times if it’s cultivated during days of ease.



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