A MATTER OF THE HEART

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Character is very important to us that we even accept it as one of the important requirements of trust.

A person’s character is who he or she really are. We all think about a lot of things that are not godly, and things we would be ashamed of if they were available for all to know. I am what others think of me, which may or may not be true, but my character is who I really am.

God absolutely cares about character. It is filled with instructions on what it means to live righteously, that is, in a “godly” and upright manner.

One of the very first records in the Bible is about a man (Adam) who failed to heed God’s instructions, resulting in calamity and pain that is reverberating even to this day.

Jesus was the epitome of love, kindness, and gentleness.

As I reflect back on those times, I realize now that bitterness and other nasty things were brooding in my heart. I held a picture in my mind of the kind of person I wanted to be and then I began to behave in a manner consistent with that picture. Since then, I changed my heart and also my character.

No one has a perfect heart. We all make mistakes all the time. Our gifting are just that—gifts from God, and they do not impress Him. It is always a matter of the heart!
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