

EXTRAORDINARY: Extraordinary Character
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Isaiah 6:8 NLT

...“Here I am. Send me.”

Isaiah 7:13-16 NKJ

Then he said, “Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel. Curds and honey He shall eat, that He may know to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the Child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land that you dread will be forsaken by both her kings.”

Isaiah 9:6-7 TLB

“For unto us a child is born; unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder. These will be his royal titles: “WONDERFUL,” “COUNSELOR,” “THE MIGHTY GOD,” “THE EVERLASTING FATHER,” “THE PRINCE OF PEACE.” His ever-expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule with perfect fairness and justice from the throne of his father David. He will bring true justice and peace to all the nations of the world. This is going to happen because the Lord of heaven’s armies has dedicated himself to do it!

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Philippians 2:5-9 NLT

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal’s death on a cross. Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names...

Mark 10:43-45 NLT

“But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Humility: the place of entire dependence on God

Pride: the place of dependence on self

Philippians 2:3-5 NLT

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.

Matthew 11:29 NLT

“Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

4 “In You” Realities:

1. In yourself you are nothing.

Galatians 6:3 NKJ

For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

2. In yourself you know nothing.

1 Corinthians 8:2 NKJ

And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know.

3. In yourself you have nothing.

1 Corinthians 4:7 NKJ

For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

4. In yourself you can do nothing.

John 5:19 NKJ

...“the Son can do nothing of Himself...”

John 15:5 NKJ

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

John 3:30 NKJ

“He must increase, but I must decrease.”

John 3:30 NLT

“He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less.”

1 Peter 5:5 NKJ

...be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”

Action Steps to Develop Extraordinary Character:

1. Develop a life of introspection.
2. Develop a life of serving others.
3. Develop a life of helping others succeed.