Being People of Character

Ken Chapman · Job 1:1

INTRODUCTION

- Someone has defined character or integrity as who you really are. Reputation is who people think you are.
- There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job. And that man was blameless and upright, and one who feared God and shunned evil.
- What if there were a book of the Bible written about you? How would God describe me in that first verse?

1 When Faced With Adversity, Maintain Our Character

Job 2:3; James 1:2–3

- When we're faced with adversity, we must maintain our character.
- The way Job is described before the adversity is the exact same way he's described after the adversity.
- God adds one word in chapter 2 after he's gone through the adversity, and that word is integrity.
- Someone has said that character isn't made in adversity, it's merely revealed.
- On your worst day. You find out who you really are. Not when times are good, but when they're bad.
- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

2 When Tempted to Do Otherwise, Let Our Character Show

Job 2:9–10

- When we're tempted to do otherwise, we must let our character show.
- Do you still hold to your integrity? Curse God and die.
- Shall we indeed accept good from God? And shall we not accept adversity? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.
- Tempted at his lowest and weakest moment, tempted by the closest person to him, he still maintains his character. Forever showing us it can be done.
- To not flirt with the temptation. The longer it sticks around, the more difficult it's going to be to resist.
- So build that character now. And be ready to give a swift response.

3 When Everybody Else Is Giving Up and Giving In

Job 21:7–9

- When everybody else around you is giving up and giving in, let your character show.
- Why do the wicked live and become old? Yes, become mighty in power.
- Here I am, a good guy. I'm trying to do what's right, and look what it's getting me.
- It's hard to maintain your integrity when everybody else is going the other way.
- Job forever stands as a light in a dark world. Telling us that nobody determines your character but you.

THE CHALLENGE

And when you're the only one, be a Job. Be a man of integrity. And be a woman of character.

MY NOTES