



# MEN OF CHARACTER

**AN INSIDE LOOK**

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*Give me a man of God—one man  
Whose faith is master of his mind,  
And I will right all wrongs  
And bless the name of mankind.*

*Give me a man of God—one man  
Whose tongue is touched with heaven's fire,  
And I will flame the darkest hearts  
With high resolve and clean desire.*

*Give me a man of God—one man  
One mighty prophet of the Lord,  
And I will give you peace on earth,  
Bought with a prayer and not a sword.*

*Give me a man of God—one man  
True to the vision that he sees,  
And I will build your broken shrines  
And bring the nations to their knees.*

—GEORGE LIDDELL

# MEN OF CHARACTER

## How a LIFE MESSAGE STUDY WORKS

In a Life Message Study your goal is to explore the life of a key character in the Bible in order to discover how this man's life message affects your own life. A Life Message Study has eight key parts that help you discern from the Word why God has preserved the testimony of this person for our instruction. "For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4, NIV

*In a Life Message Study you look for the MESSAGE in each man's Life:*

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# Daniel

Daniel resolved not to defile himself · DANIEL 1:8  
NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF SELF-DISCIPLINE

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

Daniel's name in Hebrew means "God is Judge" (The Babylonian name given him "Belteshazzar" means "Bel's prince". Bel was the ruling god of the Babylonian pantheon, equivalent to Zeus or Jupiter.)

- *What is the significance of Daniel's name? In what ways does Daniel live up to the meaning of his name?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What was Daniel's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Daniel's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Daniel's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Daniel's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Daniel's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Daniel's life? What is Daniel's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Daniel model the character of self-discipline? (List references below) What can you learn about self-discipline from Daniel's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Daniel's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





**KEY PASSAGES: Judges 13-16**

# SAMSON

But he did not know that the LORD had left him · JUDGES 16:20  
NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF SELF-DISCIPLINE

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

Samson's name derives from the word *shemesh* which means "sun". This is not unexpected, since Samson was born a few miles from Beth Shemesh, the city whose name means "house of the sun." The city was presumably once the site of shrine of the sun god. Samson's name may mean "sun's child."

- *What is the significance of Samson's name? Why do you think his mother chose this name for him? What does her choice of this name reveal about her view of Jehovah God?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What was Samson's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Samson's prayer life, obedience, disobedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or immaturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Samson's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

•*What strengths do you see in Samson's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

•*How is God honored through Samson's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Samson's life? What is Samson's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•What does Samson show us about neglecting self-discipline? (List references below) What can you learn about self-discipline from Samson's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Samson's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES: Jonah 1-4**

# Jonah

But Jonah ran away from the LORD • JONAH 1:3  
NIV

**THE CHARACTER OF COMPASSION**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

Jonah's name in Hebrew means "dove".

- *In what ways is Jonah like a dove in his willingness to encounter opposition? How does he live up to the meaning of his name?*

## EXPERIENCE

- *What was Jonah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

**A LIFE MESSAGE STUDY**

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Jonah's prayer life, obedience, disobedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or immaturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Jonah's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Jonah's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Jonah's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Jonah's life? What is Jonah's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*



## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•What does Jonah show us about neglecting compassion? (List references below) What can you learn about compassion from Jonah's life? The book of Jonah ends with Jonah's internal conflict unresolved, what do you think happened?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Jonah's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES: I Samuel 14; 18:1-4; 19:1-7;  
I Samuel 20; 23:15-18;  
II Samuel 1:11-27**

# Jonathan

And Jonathan made a covenant with David . . . I SAMUEL 18:3  
NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF FRIENDSHIP

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

Jonathan's name in Hebrew means "Jehovah has given."

- *What is the significance of Jonathan's name? In what ways does Jonathan live up to the meaning of his name?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What was Jonathan's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Jonathan's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Jonathan's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Jonathan's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Jonathan's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Jonathan's life? What is Jonathan's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Jonathan model the character of friendship? (List references below) What can you learn about friendship from Jonathan's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Jonathan's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

**KEY PASSAGES: Nehemiah 1:1-7:3; 13:1-31**



# Nehemiah

Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem · NEHEMIAH 2:17  
NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF WORK

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

Nehemiah's name in Hebrew means "Comfort of Jehovah"

- *What is the significance of Nehemiah's name? In what ways does Nehemiah live up to the meaning of his name?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What was Nehemiah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Nehemiah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Nehemiah's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*



## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Nehemiah's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Nehemiah's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Nehemiah's life? What is Nehemiah's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Nehemiah model the character of work (i.e. industry, working hard and well)? (List references below) What can you learn about work from Nehemiah's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Nehemiah's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES: Exodus 17:8-16; 24:12,13; 33:11; Numbers 13,14; 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 31:7,8; Joshua 1,3,4-10,18,23-24**

# Joshua

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. • JOSHUA 1:9  
NIV

**THE CHARACTER OF COURAGE**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

*Joshua's name in Hebrew means "Jehovah is salvation"*

- *What is the significance of Joshua's name? Joshua's name originally was Hoshea ("salvation"). Moses changed his name to Joshua ("Jehovah is salvation"). (See Numbers 13:8,16) Do you see any significance to this? In what ways does Joshua live up to the meaning of his name?*

## EXPERIENCE

- *What was Joshua's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Joshua's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Joshua's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

•*What strengths do you see in Joshua's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

•*How is God honored through Joshua's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Joshua's life? What is Joshua's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Joshua model the character of courage? (List references below) What can you learn about courage from Joshua's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Joshua's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

**KEY PASSAGES: Genesis 30:22-24; 37,39-50**



# Joseph

he entrusted to his care everything he owned. · GENESIS 39:4  
NIV

**THE CHARACTER OF RESPONSIBILITY**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

*Joseph's name in Hebrew means "May He add"*

- *What is the significance of Joseph's name? In what ways does Joseph live up to the meaning of his name?*

## EXPERIENCE

- *What was Joseph's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

**A LIFE MESSAGE STUDY**



## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Joseph's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Joseph's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Joseph's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Joseph's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Joseph's life? What is Joseph's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Joseph model the character of responsibility? (List references below) What can you learn about responsibility from Joseph's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Joseph's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES: Numbers 13,14; 34:16-19  
Joshua 14,15; Judges 1:11-15**

# Caleb

my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly.  
· NUMBERS 14:24  
NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF CONVICTION

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

*Caleb's name in Hebrew means "Dog", implying servitude to a master.*

- *What is the significance of Caleb's name? In what ways does Caleb live up to the meaning of his name?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What was Caleb's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Caleb's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Caleb's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Caleb's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Caleb's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Caleb's life? What is Caleb's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Caleb model the character of conviction? (List references below) What can you learn about conviction from Caleb's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Caleb's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





**KEY PASSAGES: Job 1-3, 6-7, 9-10, 12-14, 16-17, 19, 21, 23-24, 26-32:2; 38-42**

**see also: James 5:11; Ezekiel 14:14**

# JOB

*Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him · JOB 13:15<sup>NIV</sup>*

**THE CHARACTER OF PERSEVERANCE**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

Job's name has two possible meanings, in Hebrew it means "Persecuted One" and in Arabic it means "Repentant One".

- *What is the significance of Job's name? In what ways does Job live up to both meanings of his name?*

## EXPERIENCE

- *What was Job's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Job's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Job's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

•*What strengths do you see in Job's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

•*How is God honored through Job's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Job's life? What is Job's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Job model the character of perseverance ? (List references below) What can you learn about perseverance from Job's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Job's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES: I KINGS 17-21;  
II KINGS 1-2 also: MAL 4:5; MT 17:1-13;  
JAS 5:17**

# ELIJAH

How long will you waver between two opinions? · I KINGS 18:21  
NIV

**THE CHARACTER OF BOLDNESS**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

•Elijah's name in Hebrew means "Jehovah is my God." In what ways does he live up to the meaning of his name?

## EXPERIENCE

•What was Elijah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Elijah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Elijah's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Elijah's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## GLORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Elijah's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through his life? What is his concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Elijah model the character of boldness? (List references below) What can you learn about boldness from his life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Elijah's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





**KEY PASSAGES: I Samuel 16-27, 29-30  
II Samuel 1-24  
(see also Psalm 78:70-72, Acts 13:22)**

# David

*I have found David...a man after my own heart.  
· ACTS 13:22  
NIV*

## THE CHARACTER OF INTEGRITY

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

David's name in Hebrew means "Beloved". Look at I Samuel 13:14 and Acts 13:22 to see why David was 'beloved'.

- *What is the significance of David's name? In what ways does David live up to the meaning of his name?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What was David's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about David's prayer life, obedience, disobedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or immaturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in David's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in David's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through David's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through David's life? What is David's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does David model integrity? (List references below) What can you learn about integrity from David's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of David's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES: I Kings 19,  
II Kings 2-8, 13**

# Elisha

*'Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit.'*  
- II KINGS 2:9  
NIV

**THE CHARACTER OF LOYALTY**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

Elisha's name in Hebrew means "God is Salvation".

- *What is the significance of Elisha's name? In what ways does Elisha live up to the meaning of his name?*

## EXPERIENCE

- *What was Elisha's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Elisha's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Elisha's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Elisha's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Elisha's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Elisha's life? What is Elisha's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Elisha model the character of loyalty? (List references below) What can you learn about loyalty from Elisha's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Elisha's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.





**KEY PASSAGES: Genesis 11:26-25:11**

**See also: Romans 4, Galatians 3:15-29  
Hebrews 11:8-19; James 2:14-24**

# Abraham

all nations on earth will be blessed through him  
· GENESIS 18:18  
NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF FAITH

### MEANING OF HIS NAME

Abraham's name means "Father of many". His name was originally Abram and it meant "exalted father". God changed his name to Abraham because He promised to bless many nations through Abraham's life. (See Genesis 17:1-7)

• *What is the significance of Abraham's name? In what ways does Abraham live up to the meaning of his name?*

### EXPERIENCE

• *What was Abraham's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Abraham's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Abraham's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Abraham's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Abraham's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Abraham's life? What is Abraham's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Abraham model the character of faith? (List references below) What can you learn about faith from Abraham's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Abraham's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.

**KEY PASSAGES:** Exodus 1-4, 11-12, 19-20, 32-34

**For further study:** Exodus 1-20, 24, 32-34, 40 Numbers 11-16, 20-21:9, Deuteronomy 32-34, Psalm 90, Acts 7:20-43, Hebrews 11:23-28



# Moses

The LORD would speak to Moses face to face  
- EXODUS 33:11 NIV

**THE CHARACTER OF DEVOTION**

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

Moses's name sounds like the Hebrew for "drawn out". He was named by Pharaoh's daughter (see Exodus 2:1-10) because she drew him out of the water when he was a baby.

•What is the significance of Moses's name? In what ways does Moses live up to the meaning of his name?

## EXPERIENCE

•What was Moses's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Moses's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Moses's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in Moses's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How is God honored through Moses's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Moses's life? What is Moses's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Moses model the character of devotion? (List references below) What can you learn about devotion from Moses's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Moses's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

F FUTURE PLANS

•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



## KEY PASSAGES Genesis 5-9

See also: Ezekiel 14:14, Hebrews 11:7  
II Peter 2:5



# Noah

Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because  
I have found you righteous in this generation.  
· GENESIS 7:1 NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF GODLINESS

## MEANING OF HIS NAME

Noah's name means "rest".

- What is the significance of Noah's name? In what ways does Noah live up to the meaning of his name?

## EXPERIENCE

- What was Noah's life experience? Who were his father, mother, tribe, nation? What times did he live in? What are the significant periods of his life? What about his occupation, contemporaries or associates?

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What do you observe about Noah's prayer life, obedience, suffering, personal lessons from God, attitudes, responses and reactions? What growth or maturity do you see in his life?*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *Do you observe any weaknesses in Noah's life? What reasons would you give for the presence of these weaknesses?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

•*What strengths do you see in Noah's life and character? Are there any key or unique phrases used in describing him?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

•*How is God honored through Noah's life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through Noah's life? What is Noah's concept of God and how does he relate to Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

•How does Noah model the character of godliness? (List references below) What can you learn about godliness from Noah's life?

## LIFE APPLICATION

L LEADING LESSON

•What do you think is the leading lesson of Noah's life?

I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

•How does the leading lesson impact your life? What specific changes do you need to make to become a person of like character?

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•What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

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•Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient in this area of your life.



**KEY PASSAGES:**  
(Please list here 5-10 passages that are key for your life.)

# YOU

*A good name is more desirable than great riches;  
to be esteemed is better than silver or gold*  
- PROVERBS 22:1 NIV

## THE CHARACTER OF

### MEANING OF YOUR NAME

Using a name book or a dictionary see if you can discover the meaning of your name.

- *What is the meaning of your name? What is the spiritual significance of your name? Select five passages in Scripture that communicate the meaning of your name. What will it mean for you to live up to your name?*

### EXPERIENCE

- *What has been your life experience? How has your family influenced your life? What are the significant periods of your life? What people and events have most influenced you? Make a timeline or outline below that maps out your personal experience.*

## **S**PIRITUAL LIFE

- *What have been the key events in your spiritual life? Who has most influenced you and what have they taught you? Chart your spiritual life over the years out as a graph showing its peaks and valleys.*

## **S**HORTCOMINGS

- *What weaknesses are you aware of in your life? What weaknesses have others pointed out to you? What area(s) are your key points of vulnerability?*

## **A**CCOMPLISHMENTS

- *What strengths do you see in your own life? What strengths have others communicated to you? In what ways have you seen God use your life? In what ways do you desire God to use you?*

## **G**LORY TO GOD

- *How has God been honored through your life? Are there any particular attributes of God that are especially revealed through your life? What is your concept of God and what is the quality of your relationship with Him?*

## ESSENTIAL TRUTH

- What do you think is the essential character truth that you model with your life? List any verses below that are motivating t you to be an example of this particular characteristic.

## LIFE APPLICATION

### L LEADING LESSON

- What do you think is the leading lesson for you from this focus on the message of your life?

### I IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE

- How can this leading lesson impact your life ? How should you live so that this message impacts the lives of others?

### F FUTURE PLANS

- What specific action do you plan to take to grow in this character trait?

### E EXPRESS OBEDIENCE

- Write out a prayer below expressing to God your desire to be obedient and asking God to use you in the lives of others.



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