

Why are positive characteristics significant?

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Character is sometimes called personality; however, the two words have different meanings. Beliefs, ideals, and moral concepts are referred to as character, and character is an important aspect of personality. Character is the central part of who a person is inside. Character is a person's long-lasting qualities that are noticeable, can be seen easily, and often revealed by actions.

However, character is not the only element that influences people's behavior and action. The result of complex interactions with situation, personality and character is action. Sometimes, the current condition can control a person's character. Some people say that character is a key factor on how a person acts and behaves in most situations.

Character is referred to as a moral parameter. If morality is learned and developed and if a person is longing for the truth and good, a person can be considered as righteous.

An individual's moral character is shown in situations where values are conflict with some other choices that need to make. An example is a student who values honesty but needs to have good grades. No matter what, the student must choose not to cheat. With that, the student's moral character is strong.

Some says that character is also known to their social qualities and intellectual qualities. As per Jason Baehr (Educating for Intellectual Character) January 2013, intellectual character of a person is a function of what that person believes, how a person feels, and how a person acts in connection with truth, understanding, and knowledge. Great intellectual character is composed of intellectual morality and that are the character traits of a good learner and thinker. Intellectual character also defines as the qualities and dispositions that mold a person's behavior. Some of these characters are critical thinking, curiosity, and open-mindedness. They are the people with a broad and deep understanding of topics.

There is a process a person can go through to establish, learn, and acquire positive character and qualities which is the character development. During childhood, the development of character happened subconsciously and automatically through the influences of a person's environment. But as a person become an adult, certain qualities can be intentionally developed.

Personality and character development can be greatly influenced by the persons environment. It can also be actively taught. Parents as role model of children, can talk to the kids on the significance of being a respectful person. Parents may give examples of being a model one. Parents can monitor the child's respectful behavior in some situations then praise the child when doing so and correct them when they don't.

It is the adult's responsibility to grow and develop a child's positive personal character because it will determine of who they become. Character is not something that cannot be changed and not something that people were born with. Character is something that a person should take responsibility for forming. (JimRohn.com 2019)

According to Lao-Tzu, people should watch their thoughts because they become their words, watch the words because they become the actions, watch the actions because it will become habits, watch your habits because they will become character, watch your character because it becomes your destiny. (WorldHistory.org 2020)

In the end, development of good character involves producing good characters and qualities in oneself or other person, identifying the bad attitudes and eliminating them with the other flaws.

Character development gives people a deeper and clearer understanding on life's purpose and help people live a fulfilling life. It will provide people directions and drive.

Developing oneself consciously to achieve the highest potential is so-called self-development. The process requires time, accountability, discipline, integrity, and commitment. When a person has a well-developed character, it is much easier to follow through self-development.

Positive character promotes compassion, empathy, understanding, open-mindedness, respect, forgiveness, tolerance, and honesty, that are significant to have a positive engagement with others. People around will trust and rely on a person with

good character. Good character can motivate and inspire a person to endeavor for good so that the bad and immorality will be avoided. It will also keep you away from trouble. For example, a person does not have to worry about going to jail due to corruption or stealing because that person is a hardworking and honest one.

The most important accessory of a person is character. To develop it needs the influence of the experiences and environment of a person. It is a lifelong process. Instilling and teaching good behavior or character to children while still young and can be unconsciously developed are the teachers, parents, and guardians.

However, character development for adults is an individual's responsibility. It is up to a person to develop good character to change values, beliefs, and thoughts. (missionself.com)

Having a good attitude and character is important for a fulfilling and happy life.

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