

Character is the will to do what is right, as God defines right, regardless of the cost.

I. How God sees character and how He goes about developing it in us.

- He has given us a perfect model.

II. Our thinking must change about developing character.

- The character of Christ is not something you manufacture, it is something that is produced through you.
- What am I supposed to do? Abide. (v.5)

III. Three Action Steps to Abiding in Christ

- Think and act relationally, not religiously.
- Focus on association, not imitation.
- Adopt the “I can’t, but He can through me” attitude.

Our Model: Jesus

Our Method: Abiding

MEDITATION / APPLICATION

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1. What has been your pattern/method for becoming a person with more character? What kind of success have you had?
2. What faulty methods of change have you tried? What benefit, if any, did you experience?
3. What excuses have you made for not changing?
4. Define what ABIDING is. What does it look like?
5. What do you think Brady meant when he said, “The character of Christ is not something you can manufacture, but it is something that is produced through you”?
6. Why is it important for us to have the “I can’t, but He can” attitude? Why is surrender so hard for us and so important to God? What is one area that you need to surrender to God?

