

# Growing in Godly Character

The Bible reveals that the character of God the Father is:

**LOVE - RIGHTEOUS - TRUTHFUL - JUST – COMPASSIONATE - MERCIFUL - GENTLE - GRACIOUS – SLOW TO ANGER - LONG SUFFERING – FORGIVING – PEACEFUL - FAITHFUL.**

The character of Jesus is the same as His Father.

**Colossians 1:15** *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. (NKJV) here and the following)*

God's spiritually engendered children are "to be conformed to the character image of Jesus."

**Romans 8:29** *For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

As we grow in godly character we become one in spirit, mind and holiness with God our Father. We are to become love and holy as He is.

**1 John 4:16-17** *And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness (Greek=confidence) in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world.*

**Leviticus 19:2** *"Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD [YHVH] your God am holy.*

**1 Peter 1:15-16** *but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."*

**Hebrews 12:14** *Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:*

**Matthew 23:23** *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.*

Developing and practicing the above character qualities, which Jesus called "the weightier matters of the law", and Paul described as "putting on the whole armor of God," makes us "able to stand against the wiles of the devil"

**Ephesians 6:11** *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

Growing in Godly character helps us to overcome our human carnal temptations and our character weaknesses, and to become holy and love as God is.