

Nobody Likes Those Guys! Part 3

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CHARACTER ultimately determines success.

4 True Aspects of Character

Recap:

1. How we handle success

- A. Often in interviews, “how you handled your last failure.”
Failure is embarrassing, humiliating = it crushes pride
- B. Success usually inflates pride
Advice: 20% of people love you, 20% hate you, believe the 60% in the middle
- C. Matthew 5:3-6
- D. Matthew 7:1-3

2. A willingness to be misunderstood

Matthew 10:24-25

John 9:13-34

- A. At some point, every leader will be misunderstood.
At some point, people will say things about you that aren't true-judge motives & get it wrong.
- B. Character: Sometimes you can't tell the whole story.
Not because you are being secretive, but because revealing all the information would make others look bad or break a confidence.
So...you bear looking bad.
- C. Bear being misunderstood for now, knowing usually the truth comes out.
Proverbs 18:17

3. Private life matches public image

- A. “What's she really like?”
- B. In The President's Secret Service by Ronald Kessler
- C. “Being Real”
 - 1. Honest:
 - Don't pretend you have it all together
 - Don't pretend you're better than others
 - Don't pretend you know everything
 - 2. Pure: Solid, Consistent
≠ Perfect
= No deceit, no manipulation
 - 3. Holy: Set Apart Direction ≠ Destination
- D. My life is my message
 - 1. You can fool some of the people some of the time, you can't fool all the people all of the time.
 - 2. Matthew 5:13-16 Acts 5:20
- E. Imitate you?
 - 1. 1 Corinthians 4:16 1 Corinthians 11:1
 - 2. Raising children “Do as I say, not as I do” doesn't work – Because they “Imitate you”
- F. Warning/Danger
 - 1. Pharisees – “Religious” (≠ Real)
 - Matthew 23:4-7, 14, 23-28
 - 2. Luke 18:9-14

4. Helps people who can't help them back

- A. Luke 6:31-34
- B. Matthew 25:31-40
- C. It's not an act of charity, it's who they are.

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Yesterday Today Tomorrow