

The Noble Path of Character Building

*Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak,
For I am [only] a young man." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am [only] a young man,'
Because everywhere I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak.
"Do not be afraid of them [or their hostile faces],
For I am with you [always] to protect you and deliver you," says the LORD.
Jeremiah 1:6-8*

Intro

This passage from Jeremiah 1:6-8 is a cornerstone theme for 2022. God is calling us to leadership. This does not have to be some formal title within a formal structure or organization. It is an internal call to be a leader in God's Army wherever and however He may personally call you. This passage also expresses a common internal struggle that we experience: "I don't know anything about....", "I don't have the skills or experience...", "There's someone more qualified than me...", "I don't have the time, the resources, the...". One of the greatest prophets, Jeremiah, did not feel qualified or equipped for what God was calling him to do. Moses did not feel equipped to answer God's call.

"Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I am not a man of words (eloquent, fluent), neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and tongue." Exodus 4:10

Imagine the bible and all of God's stories without Moses. What if he had refused God's call? What if he had believed more in his limitations than he believed in honoring God and his own destinys? The prophet Daniel read Jeremiah's prophecies and identified his place in history and the time that had come to leave captivity. People's destinies are intertwined and dependent on one another's for fulfillment. None of these men could have known this at the time God called them. It could be argued that only the most ego-centric people always feel totally equipped for the call of destiny; yet God consistently picked humble men and women. At least they were humble at the onset, if not throughout their journey, like King Saul.

We Possess a Pre-Destiny in God.

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you [and approved of you as My chosen instrument], and before you were born I consecrated you [to Myself as My own]; I have appointed you as a prophet to the nations."
Jeremiah 1:5*

- ***How would you live your life every day if you truly believed God had set a destiny for you before you were born?***
- ***How might it affect and inform your values, your moral and ethical codes? Your character?***
- ***How would it change your choices and decisions?***

Twists and Turns Still Lead Us Back to God and Our Destiny.

We often punish ourselves or remain unforgiving towards ourselves for mistakes and wrong turns. It's impossible to live in this fallen world and not make mistakes. The best scriptural example of this is Apostle Paul, who dedicated himself to persecuting believers in Jesus Yeshua. He was quite pompous and self-righteous about it. But God.... had a greater plan and destiny for Paul.

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“You have heard of my career and former manner of life in Judaism, how I used to hunt down and persecute the church of God extensively and [with fanatical zeal] tried [my best] to destroy it. ¹⁴ And how I surpassed many of my contemporaries among my countrymen in [my advanced study of the laws of] Judaism, as I was extremely loyal to the traditions of my ancestors. ¹⁵ But when God, who had chosen me and set me apart before I was born, and called me through His grace, was pleased ¹⁶ to reveal His Son in me so that I might preach Him among the Gentiles [as the good news—the way of salvation], I did not immediately consult with anyone [for guidance regarding God’s call and His revelation to me].” Galatians 1:13-16

There are several destiny lessons embedded in this passage:

- ◆ We don’t come into doing our God-path destiny from the get-go.
 - ◆ There are twists and turns along the way, mistakes and misguided actions.
 - ◆ We can be quite attached (“extremely loyal”) to our ‘old ways’.
 - ◆ **“But God...”** God has our back even when we don’t know or see it to be so.
 - ◆ God set us apart before we were born; even for a ‘sinner’ like Paul. Well, there’s no way of going through this life without falling short of the glory of God. But God..... already had us in His hands.
 - ◆ We get ‘called through His grace.’ God came for Paul. He will and has come for us.
 - ◆ God reveals His Son, laying the groundwork of preparation for our God-destiny. This is a revelation in our heart, not mind/intellect/scholarship. Paul had to leave his scholarly ways to embrace Jesus in his heart.
 - ◆ There is an inward time before striking out on our destiny journey – *“I did not immediately consult with anyone.”* In fact, Paul spent three years in Arabia before joining the disciples. Throughout the bible, there are stories of going to the desert for purification and preparation before re-integrating into society and fulfilling one’s destiny.
- ***What kind of desert has God put you in or called you to in preparation for your destiny?***
- ***How has this desert time benefitted you, strengthened you, purified you in order to fulfill your destiny?***

God’s Timing.

Waiting on God’s timing can be one of the most difficult and frustrating challenges. *“Though it tarries, wait for it...”* The knowing comes through the listening. The listening comes by being still. (Psalm 46:10)

“For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.” Habakkuk 2:3

The Trajectory of Character.

Sufferings → Rejoice in our Hardships → Hardships produce Patient Endurance → Endurance brings Character & Spiritual Maturity → Which bring Confident Assurance of Eternal Salvation.

“Let us rejoice in our hope and the confident assurance of [experiencing and enjoying] the glory of [our great] God [the manifestation of His excellence and power]. ³ And not only this, but [with joy] let us exult in our sufferings and rejoice in our hardships, knowing that hardship (distress, pressure, trouble) produces patient endurance; ⁴ and endurance, proven character (spiritual maturity); and proven character, hope and confident assurance [of eternal salvation]. ⁵ Such hope [in God’s promises] never disappoints us, because God’s love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.” Romans 5:2-5

- ***How can we use our character to transmute sufferings and hardship through endurance to form greater character and maturity?***
- ***Why is this important as preparation for the call that God has on our life?***

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Hindrances to Character Growth.

- ◆ **Getting stuck in the head.**
 - Isaiah 29:13 *“Then the Lord said, “Because this people draw near with their words and honor Me with their lip service, but they remove their hearts far from Me, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote.”*
 - **How have you ever gotten stuck in your head where it concerns your relationship with God and His plans for you?**
 - **If so, what are your remedies or God’s remedies for getting you out of your head and into your heart?**

- ◆ **Hard-hearted.**
 - Ephesians 4:18 says: *“being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart.”*
 - **Has hard-heartedness ever shown up in your manner, your speech or response to others?**
 - **Is there a source or cause of hard-heartedness to be healed?**
 - **Sometimes people mistake hard-heartedness for strength, like a kind of armor of protection. What does real strength look like when Christ Jesus is truly living and having His being in us?**

- ◆ **Afraid of God and the Holy Spirit’s Power.**
 - 2 Timothy 3:5 *“holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.”*
 - **What could make us afraid of experiencing God in a powerful and life-changing way?**
 - **Are there ways that you block or prevent these deeper experiences of God?**

- ◆ **Slander, Jealousy, Judgementalness & Resentment**
 - James 4:11 admonishes: *“Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law.”*
 - Ephesians 4:31-32 *“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”*
 - **Is there something within you that wants to be healed, that has caused jealousy, resentment, judgementalness or the slandering of others?**
 - **Can true humility co-exist with a slandering tongue, judgementalness, jealous or resentment?**
 - **Can the need for superiority co-exist with true humility?**
 - **How did Apostle Paul’s born again experience (re-born in his spirit) transform his sense and stance of superiority into true humility?**

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

Matthew 13:45-46

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Prayer & Courts of Heaven Protocol to Build Character

This is constructed as a protocol going before God in the Courts of Heaven. We renounce, repent and plead guilty for all transgressions and then ask God to pass judgements on our behalf. The adversary operates through legality, which is why we conduct warfare by removing any legal cases the enemy is using against us and our family.

NOTE: Before you go into the Courts of Heaven, take the time to identify your petitions and purposes, what remedies you are seeking for yourself, your life and/or your family lineage that requires repentance. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you these things before you go in to the Courts of Heaven. Often times, when you are in the Courts of Heaven, the Holy Spirit will bring other things to mind for which to repent.

1. Opening Protocol in the Courts of Heaven.¹

Father God, I come before Your Supreme Court and ask that the courts be seated and the books be open, according to Daniel 7:10. I ask for the Holy Spirit and the Lord Jesus Christ to be my Holy Advocates to represent me in Your court. I give them full permission to speak on my behalf. I put on robes of righteousness and loose the Blood of Jesus over myself so that satan has no access to me. I come into the Courts right now and I thank you that I am accepted.

As I stand before the Courts Lord God, I thank you for everything You've done for me, that when You died on the Cross, You gave Your body, You gave your blood. That sacrifice is now speaking for me right now. On the basis of that which is being spoken, I now ask You for breakthroughs and complete and permanent OVERTHROW for all that I am requesting now from Your Court. I thank you that you love me and care for me.

I ask Lord God that You release Your Notification Angels, Enforcement Angels and Hosts of Heaven to all those humans and non-humans who will be affected by Your Court decisions, to duly inform them of and enforce all of Your decisions and judgements in my case today.

2. Renounce & Repent to Remove Legal Access to You and to the Land.

Father God on behalf of myself, my entire bloodline back to Adam and Eve, and as an intercessor standing in the gap for the Body of Christ and America, I come in the name of Jesus Christ Yeshua to renounce and repent for all the times and ways I have allowed and expressed poor or weak character, poor moral and ethical thoughts, words, deeds and actions that were not aligned with Your will, Your heart and Your Commandments. I repent for feeding, allowing, enabling and indulging in character and character traits that were not noble and worthy to represent You in the world; that were unworthy of my identity in Christ Jesus and as a son/daughter of the Most High God.

I repent for and ask for Your forgiveness for all of the ways I, my bloodline and America have engaged with, participated in, paid into, supported, spread, proliferated, allowed, opened doors to immorality, unethical behavior, slander, gossip, abusiveness, unkindness, arrogance including intellectual arrogance and a religious spirit, hubris, jealousy, envy, resentfulness, vengefulness, pettiness, hate, spitefulness, lack of self-awareness, and been yoked to people of poor character. I renounce and repent of all of these traits and weaknesses, including all ego and carnal impurities and weaknesses; and for using religion, denominational superiority, any forms of superiority to justify being critical, judgmental and slanderous of others.

¹ Robert Henderson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQ56gkeJILA> and his book Operating in the Courts of Heaven.

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I renounce, nullify and divorce all ungodly, immoral, unethical contracts, covenants and agreements personally, for all of my bloodlines back to Adam and Eve, and for the Body of Jesus Christ in my country. All demonic spirits driving or contributing to character flaws and weaknesses in me: I rebuke you, I bind you in chains and cast you into the dry place now in Jesus Yeshua's name!

Lord Jesus, I also forgive myself for all of these iniquities and know that Your blood has washed me clean and white as snow and I therefore refuse to be condemned or to feel guilty. Father God, I now also forgive my ancestors and particularly _____ (name those that the Lord has revealed to you) including those that are already deceased and whom I have not even known, who have contributed to weaknesses in my own character. However, I take full responsibility for my own character weaknesses and flaws. Father God, I repent for leaving my first love, YOU."

3. Plead Guilty.

Father God, for everything I have repented and renounced here, I plead guilty on behalf of myself, all of my bloodline, the Body of Christ and America. I present the Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ Yeshua as atonement, and the Voice of the Blood of Jesus which speaks "Tetelestai"², "paid in full" to clear these transgressions from my record and that of my entire lineage and future bloodlines. Father God, I ask for redemption from the curse, by the Blood of Jesus. Please purge me of all unseemly, weak and poor character traits and tendencies with the Blood of Jesus Yeshua.

I come into agreement with the Blood of Jesus according to Hebrews 12:24 that speaks what I have come to in the spirit. My character has come to the Blood of sprinkling that speaks a better thing than that of Abel. Jesus' blood cries for mercy, redemption and forgiveness. I loose the Blood of Jesus now into all the places and spaces in me and my life where these poor character traits and tendencies have existed. Let the Blood of Jesus wash me clean now! Halleluia!

I agree with the speaking Blood of Jesus that every judgement against me, my lineage and genetics are revoked now, that every force, element, demon and curse contributing to my character flaws are now revoked, that every word against me and my bloodline are now silenced, that the enemy no longer has a right to bring any case against me because of what the Blood of Jesus speaks, because of the finished work of Jesus on the Cross. Let the Blood of Jesus purify and sanctify me, body, mind, heart, soul and character.

Thank you for healing me through the Blood of Jesus, Father God! Thank you for the Holy Spirit that is taking legally everything that Jesus has done and is now bringing application of it into my life, my mind, heart and soul and cleansing all of me. Thank you Father God that breakthroughs and permanent OVERTHROW now come to my life, my family and bloodline!

4. Cleanse, Clear & Release.

Lord God, I ask that Your Holy Spirit fill me to overflowing to purify and cleanse my body, brain, mind, heart, soul and spirit, my conscience, my subconscious and unconscious minds, my memory bank and everywhere in me and my body where memories, imprints, beliefs, traumas and traits having to do with character flaws and weaknesses. I reject and forbid any lies of the enemy from taking hold of me ever again!

² This is the last word that Jesus spoke on the Cross before He gave up His spirit. It has been translated as "it is finished"; however, the true meaning is "paid in full".

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Erase them now; erase all damage and confusion in the chambers of my mind. Cleanse my heart, mind, soul and body of all programs incurred. Place your healing balm of Gilead into all of my places of stored habits, filters, programs, injuries, beliefs, memories and imprints to clear them out now.

~ *Pause in Silence to Receive God's Healing* ~

5. We Plead Our Case to Build Our Character.

Father God Adonai, as Your son/daughter, brethren in King Jesus Yeshua, I dedicate and consecrate myself, my life, my heart, my mind and soul to You, that I may be a living example of Your Covenant of Love, peace and harmony, always honoring and upholding YOUR laws, in Oneness with YOUR heart.

I come to You and ask You to make me a new creature in Christ Jesus, cleanse me of all ego and carnal impurities and weaknesses. I am committed to being worthy to rule and reign with the Lamb of God and His government here on earth. I present the following cases for why You should help me in my purification and transformation to be the spotless bride for You, to prepare for the government to rest upon King Jesus' shoulders. Your Word, which is the legal document of our Covenants with You, declares the following:

Perfect Me Through Endurance.

- ♦ James 1:4 says: *"And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing."*
- ♦ James 1:12 *"Blessed is a man (and woman) who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."*
- ♦ **Father God, help me to use Your tests to strengthen my endurance and mold my character with grace, strength and dignity. I realize that endurance is a foundational character trait necessary to 'win the race'.**

Godliness is My Destiny.

- ♦ 2 Peter 1:6 says: *"and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness."*
- ♦ **Father God, help me to persevere to godliness. Remove from me any chaff of resistance, impatience, frustration, anger and discouragement, that I may run the race to Your completion, that I may realize the godliness that You put in my DNA and wrote in Your book of me.**

Let a Purified Heart Lead My Character.

- ♦ Proverbs 27:19 says: *"As in water face reflects face, so the heart of man reflects man."*
- ♦ **Father God, let Your living waters in me reflect Your purity. Purify my heart so that it purely reflects Your love that resides within me.**

Let Your Holy Fire....

- ♦ 1 Corinthians 3:13 tells me: *"each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work."*
- ♦ **Father God, help me to accept Your tests by fire, the fire that burns the chaff in my personality and character, the fire that burns away all impurities of this world to reveal the gold within me.**

Character Builds Up Others.

- ♦ Romans 14:19 says: *"So then we pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."*

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- ◆ Colossians 3:12 instructs: *“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”*
- ◆ **Father God, help me to truly have ‘the heart of Christ Jesus’: quick to forgive, slow to anger, not holding on to offense and unforgiveness, compassionate, kind and considerate, generous love and support.**

We Are Chosen to Be Holy.

- ◆ Deuteronomy 7:6 says: *“For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.”*
- ◆ **Father God, bring me the revelation of my own holiness through direct, personal experiences. Let my holiness be a blessing to everyone.**

The Fruits of Godly Character.

- ◆ In Deuteronomy 28:11-14, You tell us what good will come from godly character:
 - *The LORD will give you great prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your livestock and the produce of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give you.*
 - *The LORD will open for you His good treasure house, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand.*
 - *You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow.*
 - *The LORD will make you the head (leader) and not the tail (follower); and you will be above only, and you will not be beneath.*
 - *If you listen and pay attention to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I am commanding you today, to observe them carefully.*
 - *Do not turn aside from any of the words which I am commanding you today, to the right or to the left, to follow and serve other gods.*
- ◆ **Father God, help me to accept and pass all of Your tests that are designed to purify and strengthen my character, that I may therefore be in full Covenant relationship with You, and receive all of Your Covenant blessings.**
- ◆ **Father God, help me to realize and experience my worthiness to partake of all of Your promises that come from being Your son/daughter.**

Lead Me in the Path of Righteousness.

- ◆ Jeremiah 6:16 says: *“Thus says the Lord, ‘Stand by the ways and see and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it.’”*
- ◆ **Father God Adonai, help me to walk the good way, on a life path of righteousness.**

Perfect Me in Love.

- ◆ Philippians 1:9-11 *“And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more [displaying itself in greater depth] in real knowledge and in practical insight, so that you may learn to recognize and treasure what is excellent [identifying the best, and distinguishing moral differences], and that you may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ [actually living lives that lead others away from sin]; filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God [so that His glory may be both revealed and recognized].”*
- ◆ **Father God, fill me to overflowing with the fruits of righteousness!**
- ◆ **Father God, perfect me in Love, the high mark of noble character. Loose Your Holy Fire into every wound, character flaw and weakness, and any habit of self-unforgiveness to burn them to chaff and blow them away, revealing the perfection of Your love within me. Amen.**

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6. Petition.

Therefore Lord God Adonai, because of all the forces and elements that have been obstructing my Covenant with You and because I desire full realization as Your holy son/daughter, I request the following from Your Supreme Court:

- **GRANT ALL OF MY PETITIONS** in the case I have presented to You here.
- **ISSUE PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS AGAINST** all destiny-stealers, momentum-breakers and familiar spirits.
- **LOOSE YOUR HOLY FIRE into all of their habitations now to burn them to ashes in Jesus Yeshua's name!**
- **EXTINGUISH ALL THE HOLDS** that they and all of their cohorts and minions have had on my character, my God destiny, my Covenant blessings, income, vocation, families, marriages, relationships, and the culture.
- **RESTORE to me 7-fold** everything that these demons have stolen from me, my destiny, my bloodlines and my country according to Your promises in Proverbs 6:30.
- **GUIDE ME ON YOUR PATH OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Bring me supreme supports to walk an upright life, to live fearlessly, and to love unconditionally. Direct me in Your ways of wisdom according to Proverbs 4:11.
- **MAKE ME KNOW YOUR WAYS, O Lord; TEACH ME YOUR PATHS,** according to Psalm 25:4.

7. Thanks and Gratitude

Let this be dedicated time to thank Father God after all of your petitions. You may want to blow a shofar, play or sing praise music, or other ways that you express thanks and praise.

- Thank you for Your Justice, Mercy and Love!
- Thank you God for granting all of my petitions!
- Thank you Lord God for delivering me from all wickedness once and for all!
- To You alone be all the glory in Heaven and upon the Earth forever and ever! AMEN!!!

*"You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy;
In Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore."*

Psalm 16:11