

The Formation of Character Season 1, Episode 2



"Good moral character is the first essential in a man."
George Washington

REFLECTION: For further reflection, consider using these dynamics (*at recording marker 10:56*) to explore the impact of influences in your life:

Identification may seem to be the easiest of the points of engagement, but layers of enculturation, mis-identification, for instance, may have to be penetrated.

Description, though sounding a bit like identification, requires further examination of an idea, a concept, a dynamic. Turn the idea so as to examine it from another perspective.

Analysis is somewhat descriptive but moves the process further, deeper, more broadly.

Interpretation of one's findings to this point calls for comparisons, the variety of meanings, surfacing.

Finally, one must **apply** these meanings. [From *The Integrity Wheel*, by William M. Tillman, Jr. p. 8]

ACTION: Ask [and answer] this question: How would your closest friend, a coworker, or family member describe you in one paragraph? Are you comfortable with that characterization? In what ways would you like it to change? What steps can you take to bring about that change? Take the first one.



"The ultimate ideal for the Christian is not so much complete obedience to the will of God as it is complete uniformity to the nature and character of God"
[From *Why Live the Christian Life?* by T. B. Maston, p. 111].