

2) _____

Only Christianity says one of the attributes of God is courage. No other religion has a God who needed courage. (Tim Keller, *Hidden Christmas*)

3) _____

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. (Colossians 3:12)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! (Philippians 2:3–8)

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Character

The Key Ingredient

The Stakes

Loving People

Doing Relationships A Whole New Way

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The Character Of The Creator

Colossians 3:5, 8-9, 12 & 14

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Character & Capacity

1) _____ ...
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 Colossians 3:9-10 / Genesis 1:26-27

2) _____ ...
 Is The _____.

The most important ingredient we put into any relationship is not what we say or what we do, but what we are. ... It is futile to put personality ahead of character, to try to improve relationships with others before improving ourselves.
 (Stephen Covey, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*)

3) _____ ... Is A _____.
 Colossians 3:5, 8-9, 12

We do choose our character. In fact, we create it every time we make our choices—to cop out or dig out of a hard situation, to bend the truth or stand under the weight of it, to take the easy money or pay the price. As you live your life and make choices today, you are continuing to create your character.
 (John Maxwell, *The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader*)

No man is born with character; we make our own character.
 (Oswald Chambers, *The Sermon on the Mount*)

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Three Character Qualities

1) _____
 Colossians 3:9

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator.
 (Colossians 3:9-10)

One of the realities of life is that if you can't trust a person at all points, you can't trust him or her at any point.
 (Cheryl Biehl)

The bottom line when it comes to integrity is that it allows others to trust you. And without trust, you have nothing. Trust is the single most important factor in personal and professional relationships. It's the glue that holds people together.
 (John Maxwell & Jim Dornan, *Becoming a Person of Influence*)