

IMPACTING FUTURE GENERATIONS

Kidron and Kasen, because of my deep love for you, I'm reminding you of your need to pursue Godliness by asking God to help you to "become" each of these 12 traits of what I believe is Godly character...

First and foremost, glorify God in everything you are and everything you do.

If you are completely honest, who or what is your life centered on?

When you get "squeezed by life", where do you turn first? What is your first reaction...praise, anger, frustration, thankfulness? Does it matter?

Second, strive to be consistent in your faith.

Do you strive for a life of integration? If so, how? If not, why not?

Is your faith just one part of your life? Is that ok, in your opinion?

Third, be full of thanksgiving.

Do you ever feel entitled to the things you have? You know... "I worked hard for this, I deserve it." That sort of thing? If so, why? If not, why not?

When you experience emotional, spiritual, or physical difficulty, do you thank God for those gifts as well? Why or why not?

Fourth, develop and use discernment.

What criteria do you use to make decisions in your life, big or small?

Do you trust your own thoughts and feelings as a gauge to discover and do what seems right? Why or why not?

Fifth, live a life marked by grace.

What does the word "grace" mean to you?

Is it harder for you to give grace to others or receive grace from others? Why?

Do we have a responsibility as a follower of Jesus Christ to show the same grace Jesus showed us to every person you encounter? Why or why not?

Sixth, remember to be a person of **compassion**.

How important is it to reach out to those who seem to be alone, who are hurt, and need help? Why?

Jesus was a friend to the friendless. He was sympathetic, kind and merciful. How are we doing in following His example?

Seventh, always show **humility**.

Have you ever felt that the world revolves around you? Ever acted like it does?

Have you ever believed that your talents, gifts, abilities, successes and achievements came from you? Ever acted like it did?

We all have been puffed up by a false sense of our own self-importance at one time or another. How do we make sure that doesn't happen?

Eighth, live a life marked by **self-control**.

Have you ever felt like you had the freedom to choose and use your own rules? If so, how did that work out for you?

Instead of living a life of excess, have you ever resolved to imitate Christ and live a life of discipline? If so, how did that work out for you?

Ninth, always, always, always **respect and obey authority**.

When you hear the word "authority" how do you react?

Why is it so hard for us to willingly obey authority?

Who or what is the ultimate authority in your life...with who or what does the "buck" stop with? Would your checkbook agree with your answer? How about your friends, your spouse, your co-workers?

Tenth, be a man marked by **sexual purity**.

In your opinion, why is it so difficult to be sexually pure in today's world?

Do you believe we live in a world that makes a joke out of God's sexual plan?

Do you think it matters whether or not we decide early in life our thoughts on sexual purity? Why or why not?

***Eleventh**, maintain a strong sense of **modesty**.*

Modesty is considered to be an “old fashioned” concept. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

What does modesty mean to you?

Do you feel like God cares one way or another? Why?

***Twelfth**, never cease being **fully dependant on God**. Solomon wrote these wise words: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3:6&7).*

What does being “fully dependant on God” look like in real life?

Do you know anyone that is a clear picture of being “fully dependant on God”? If you feel comfortable enough to share, who is it and why do they remind you of someone who is fully dependant on God?