

# The Shaping of a Man

## God Builds Character

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### 1 Corinthians 15:33

Bad company corrupts good character

### Romans 5:3-5

We can rejoice too when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us. They help us learn to endure and endurance develops strength of character in us. Character strengthens our confident expectations of salvation and this expectation will not disappoint us for we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

## SUMMARY:

When examining your character look back to where you were and where you are now. Be on guard. Stand true to what you believe. Be courageous, be strong, and everything you do must be done with love.

1 Corinthians 16:13

## NOTES:

## DISCUSSION POINTS:

Introductory Question:

What do you think those around you think your character is?

Especially your loved ones?

Discussion:

- Are you living a life of character that God will bless?
- Have you ever felt you were in such a bad place in your life that you couldn't rise above it?
- What were some of the obstacles in your life that helped build your character?

## APPLICATION:

God makes it clear why we sin. It's a matter of the heart. Our heart is inclined toward sin from the time we are born. Where has your heart been in the past? Where is it now? What are you striving for?

## ON YOUR OWN...

Psalms 26:1

Psalms 15:1

1 Samuel 24:13

We appreciate Mike Garro sharing his story with us today.