

## Definition of Character

“The inward motivation to do what is right, whatever the cost.” --Character Training Institute

By way of eminence, distinguished or good qualities; those which are esteemed and respected; and those which are ascribed to a person in common estimation. --Webster's 1812 Dictionary

A description of a person's attributes, traits, or abilities. The combination of qualities or features that distinguishes one person, group, or thing from another. ([Source](#))

## Character Quotes

“To educate a person in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society.” -Teddy Roosevelt

“Resolved never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.”  
—Jonathan Edwards

“Character cannot be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, ambition inspired, and success achieved.” -Helen Keller

“A man never discloses his own character so clearly as when he describes another's.” —Leo C. Rosten

“Actions cannot be called good unless they proceed from good motives.” --Noah Webster

“Character is made by what you stand for; reputation, by what you fall for.” —Robert Quillen

“The greatest waste in the world is the difference between what we are and what we could become.” - John Grimes

“Character is what you are in the dark.” -Dwight L. Moody

“A man lays the foundation of true greatness when he becomes more concerned with building his character than with expanding his reputation.”  
--William Arthur Ward

“Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within the hearing of the little children tends towards the formation of character.”  
--Hosea Ballou

“Good character is more to be praised than outstanding talent. Most talents are, to some extent, a gift. Good character, by contrast, is not given to us. We have to build it piece by piece -- by thought, choice, courage and determination.” - John Luther

“A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you, and were helped by you, will remember you when forget-me-nots are withered. Carve your name on hearts, and not on marble.” -Charles Haddon Spurgeon

“Character is the sum and total of a person's choices.” -P. B. Fitzwater