

LITERARY STRIVINGS

CHARACTER

Character, one of the most precious treasures we can have, is what we really are. As it is not given to us, it can not be taken away; we have to build it. Beginning in infancy, character building goes on every day and hour of our life. When we are children, the building depends largely upon our parents; if they teach us to be kind, obedient and helpful, they help form the firm foundations of pure character. On the other hand, if they let us have our own way, we become selfish, disobedient, and useless. As we grow older and character molding falls more heavily on our own shoulders, we realize the importance of those earlier years.

Always character is of use to us--frequently a shield against suspicion and slander. A man above reproach is he with a good character, but a man with a disreputable character is often suspected of many things of which he may be guiltless.

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