

It's Not About....

It's not about your abilities. It's about your humility!

It's not about your education. It's about you listening to the less educated.

It's not about your experience. It's about you realizing everyone has something to teach you.

It's not about high standards. It's about you having the tolerance and patience to let God grow them.

It's not about your opinions. It's about you valuing the uniqueness in everyone regardless of your differences.

It's not about your job description, salary, beauty, or abilities. It's about what you do for eternity because you value people more than things that fade away.

It's not about your great knowledge. It's about you learning to show deference because you realize you are not always right.

It's not about people supporting your ideas. It's about you becoming excited about other people's way of looking at things.

So, what is life all about? It's all about waking up each day and asking God how we can show Him how much we love Him! And it's all about valuing every single person.... for this is all we really take to heaven with us!
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HOW TO BE A DEEP INTERNAL BUILDER

Step #1: Think on Positive Things

What we think about has a tremendous impact on our relationships with others.

Philippians 4:8 Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Step #2: Look For The Positive

We can do this by listening and watching closely for any good quality in another person.

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Step #3: Speak the Positive

When you use wise words you will begin to build lasting heart relationships.

Proverbs 14:1 The wise woman builds her house by using masterful people skills.

1) Praise the gifts God has given to others:

Praise calls attention to Christ-like character.

It focuses on how the achievement was accomplished versus the achievement itself.

By praising a person for positive character, we are building their heart for God.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights.

2) Have the law of kindness on your tongue:

Remember that showing mercy and giving encouraging words has far better results than continually showing displeasure.

A wise woman has made it a law for herself to speak with gentle kindness.

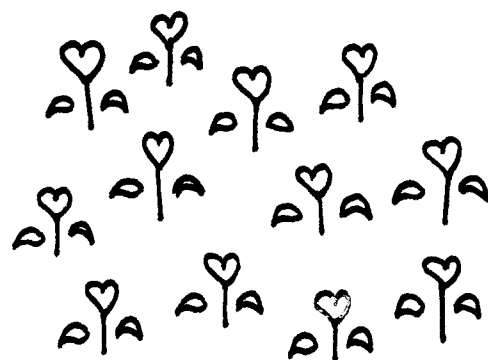
Proverbs 31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom: and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

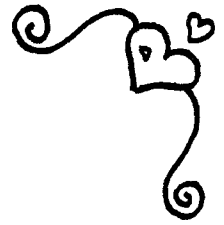
3) Do not use flattery:

Flattery is "surface" building that can actually damage a person.

It is when we concentrate on things that a person is not truly responsible for instead of focusing on positive character traits.

Proverbs 26:28 A flattering mouth worketh ruin.





DEEP INTERNAL BUILDING is Accomplished in Three EASY Steps!

1. D. = Define D. = Deep
2. I. = Illustrate I. = Internal
3. B. = Benefit B. = Building

1. D. DEFINE

Define the positive character trait used by the person.

"You showed initiative."

"You demonstrated meekness!"

2. I. ILLUSTRATE

Illustrate how the person used that trait.

"Thank you for showing initiative by doing the dishes without being asked.

"You did a wonderful job of showing meekness by instantly hugging me when I asked for forgiveness."

3. B. BENEFIT

Let the person know how they benefited you or others by the use of that particular character trait.

"When you showed initiative by doing the dishes without being asked, you were such an incredible example to me! You showed me how I need to be more diligent and not so lazy."

"I will not forget how you hugged me with such a meek spirit after I was so angry with you. I was feeling like such a failure until you made me feel loved!"

When you D.I.B. someone you accomplish the following:

- 1) You maintain a deep heart relationship with them.
- 2) You have made them feel special and unique.
- 3) You have let them know that God has a plan and a purpose for their life.
- 4) You have reassured them that they are fearfully and wonderfully made by the way they ministered to you in their individual way.
- 5) You make them feel appreciated by noticing the positive things they say or do no matter how small it may be.

A Master Builder is a wise woman who is so tremendously skilled in the use of her words that she edifies all whom she comes in contact with. She does this because she loves God and others more than she loves herself. She has a Ph. D in D.I.B.

Character Determines

SUCCESS!

ALERTNESS vs. *Carelessness* Volume 1

Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right responses

ATTENTIVENESS vs. *Distraction*

Showing the worth of a person or task by giving my undivided concentration

AVAILABILITY vs. *Self-centeredness*

Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I serve

BENEVOLENCE vs. *Selfishness*

Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward

BOLDNESS vs. *Fearfulness*

Confidence that what I have to say or do is true, right, and just

CAUTIOUSNESS vs. *Rashness*

Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions

COMPASSION vs. *Indifference*

Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others

CONTENTMENT vs. *Covetousness*

Realizing that true happiness does not depend on material conditions

CREATIVITY vs. *Underachievement*

Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective

DECISIVENESS vs. *Procrastination*

The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions

DEFERENCE vs. *Rudeness*

Limiting my freedom so I do not offend the tastes of those around me

DEPENDABILITY vs. *Inconsistency*

Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice

DETERMINATION vs. *Faintheartedness*

Purposing to accomplish right goals at the right time, regardless of the opposition

DILIGENCE vs. *Slothfulness*

Investing my time and energy to complete each task assigned to me

DISCERNMENT vs. *Shortsightedness*

Understanding the deeper reasons why things happen

DISCRETION vs. *Simplemindedness*

Recognizing and avoiding words, actions, and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences

ENDURANCE vs. *Discouragement*

The inward strength to withstand stress and do my best

ENTHUSIASM vs. *Apathy*

Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort

FAITH vs. *Presumption*

Confidence that actions rooted in good character will yield the best outcome, even when I cannot see how

FLEXIBILITY vs. *Resistance*

Willingness to change plans or ideas according to the direction of my authorities

FORGIVENESS vs. *Rejection*

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge

GENEROSITY vs. *Stinginess*

Carefully managing my resources so I can freely give to those in need

GENTLENESS vs. *Harshness*

Showing consideration and personal concern for others

GRATEFULNESS vs. *Unthankfulness*

Letting others know by my words and actions how they have benefited my life

HONOR vs. *Disrespect* Volume 2

Respecting those in leadership because of the higher authorities they represent

HOSPITALITY vs. *Loneliness*

Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, or conversation to benefit others

HUMILITY vs. *Pride*

Acknowledging that my achievement results from the investment of others in my life

INITIATIVE vs. *Idleness*

Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it

JOYFULNESS vs. *Self-pity*

Maintaining a good attitude, even when faced with unpleasant conditions

JUSTICE vs. *Corruption*

Taking personal responsibility to uphold what is pure, right, and true

LOYALTY vs. *Unfaithfulness*

Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to those I serve

MEEKNESS vs. *Anger*

Yielding my personal rights and expectations with a desire to serve

OBEDIENCE vs. *Willfulness*

Quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me

ORDERLINESS vs. *Contusion*

Arranging myself and my surroundings to achieve greater efficiency

PATIENCE vs. *Restlessness*

Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it

PERSUASIVENESS vs. *Contentiousness*

Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks

PUNCTUALITY vs. *Tardiness*

Showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time

RESOURCEFULNESS vs. *Wastefulness*

Finding practical uses for that which others would overlook or discard

RESPONSIBILITY vs. *Unreliability*

Knowing and doing what is expected of me

SECURITY vs. *Anxiety*

Structuring my life around that which cannot be destroyed or taken away

SELF-CONTROL vs. *Self-indulgence*

Rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right

SENSITIVITY vs. *Callousness*

Perceiving the true attitudes and emotions of those around me

SINCERITY vs. *Hypocrisy*

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

THOROUGHNESS vs. *Incompleteness*

Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected

THRIFTINESS vs. *Extravagance*

Allowing myself and others to spend only what is necessary

TOLERANCE vs. *Prejudice*

Realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development

TRUTHFULNESS vs. *Deception*

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts

VIRTUE vs. *Impurity*

The moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right

WISDOM vs. *Foolishness*

Seeing and responding to life situations from a perspective that transcends my current circumstances