

Character Trait for April 30-May 4 is Security

Philippians 1:9-10, "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ"

Character: the qualities built into an individual's life that determine their responses, regardless of circumstances.

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

Derivation: late Middle English: from Old French securite or Latin securitas; 'free from care'

Weekly Verse: Psalm 16:5 "Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure."

Bible Story: Luke 12:22 - 34 tells us why we should not be anxious.

Quote: "I am deeply loved, absolutely forgiven, God's masterpiece, chosen and set apart, secure in Christ."

Application:

Being secure in Christ should affect the way we live and all that we do. As Christians in the 21st century:

- Will we retreat into walled cities, holding a defensive position, fearful of every aspect of 'worldliness' of this rapidly changing culture?
- Can we stand with heads held high, purposefully impacting the culture we live in as children of God, recognizing what is good and applauding it, identifying what is bad and denouncing it, speaking truth with love, being salt and light to bring change where we are?
- Will we focus on our own healing and personal comfort, our own needs, wants and desires?
- Will we reach out, secure in His love, to the hurting and alienated of our society, to the fearful, shamed and abused, to the violent and the abuser, to bring them the healing love of Jesus?

Discussion Questions:

What gives you a sense of security in your life? Is it something that cannot be taken away?

Based on what you see on television or online, where does our society go to for security?