

## 8-What Kind of Character?

Everyone has character, the thing/s that define them as different from others. Myles Munroe defines it like this:

*“Character is: The complex of mental and ethical traits marking and often individualizing a person, group, or nation”*<sup>1</sup>

Character includes traits like, honesty, punctuality, compassion, inner strength. These come from the belief system of the person and are expressed in their response to circumstances and their dealings with people.

Character is different to characteristics. Characteristics include physical traits as well – e.g. red hair, muscular, stout, feminine, etc.

Myles suggests that we question ourselves about our character like this:

*“But the question we are asking is this: As we exercise leadership, of what kind, or quality, are our mental and ethical traits? Are they positive or negative? Do they build up or tear down? As we talk about character, therefore, we will focus on what it means to develop and manifest honorable principles and ethics that will distinguish our lives.”*<sup>2</sup>

**What you believe defines who you are.** This is an important concept to understand. If people don't like you, check your character and what you believe to find the clue to their dislike. You can change your character for the better, but allowing the Spirit to change you from the inside out is the best, most effective method.

Constantly ask our King to mold you and shape you to be the person he wants you to be – a son in Father's likeness.

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1 – Myles Munroe (2014) “The Power of Character in Leadership: How Values, Morals, Ethics, and Principles Affect Leaders” Whitaker House p:23

2 – Myles Munroe (2014) “The Power of Character in Leadership: How Values, Morals, Ethics, and Principles Affect Leaders” Whitaker House p:23