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How would you characterize these seven characteristics? What would be important/necessary if you focused here? What accompanies these character qualities?

- Not born with, don't "fall" into; hard, absolute; very high standard
- Boundaries that require pre-requisites; some seem very similar
- Gives us something to focus on/something tangible
- Process; must be maintained; constant focus bringing Christ into life situations
- All are a part/required, they are intertwined
- Actions; Love climax, all seen in relationship with other people
- V. 3,8 – all tied to true knowledge of Lord Jesus Christ; all things valued in His kingdom
- Easy to determine own definition and say it's enough; here, always more, never there
- So much greater than any examples we see of these in the world

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“Knowledge, including knowledge of Scripture, that is not turned into practical action, that does not produce the character of God/Jesus in one’s life, is worse than useless, for it can blind one to his or her true sorry state.”

Peter Davids

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By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 The one who says, “I have come to know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him;

1 John 2:3-4

We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him, and the evil one does not touch him.

I John 5:18

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“This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. 13 “Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends. 14 “You are My friends if you do what I command you. 15 “No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 “You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. 17 “This I command you, that you love one another.

John 15:12-17

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“The unrestrained man does things that he knows to be evil, under the influence of passion, whereas the self-restrained man, knowing that his desires are evil, refuses to follow them on principle.”

“The self-restrained man is the man who abides by the results of his calculations, the unrestrained one who readily abandons the conclusion he has reached.”

Aristotle

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What happens to these focuses in our daily lives? Where do they fit throughout our day, even in our desire to live and please God?

- Compete with other habits
- Must connect these to our desire to live and please God - Must ask Him to change our will
- These play out in other tasks which takes the “mind of Christ” to core
- Attached to divine nature that God saved you to share
- We think we have enough
- Perhaps so afraid we can't get it, that we miss the resources God has given to work these in our lives
- Gets lost in the “fleshly” moments

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If anyone is destined for captivity, to captivity he goes; if anyone kills with the sword, with the sword he must be killed. Here is the perseverance and the faith of the saints.

Revelation 13:10

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“But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, 17 and you will be hated by all because of My name. 18 “Yet not a hair of your head will perish. 19 “By your endurance you will gain your lives.

Luke 21:16-19

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Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3

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**But flee from these things, you man of God, and pursue
righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance and gentleness.**
1 Timothy 6:11