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# CHARACTER

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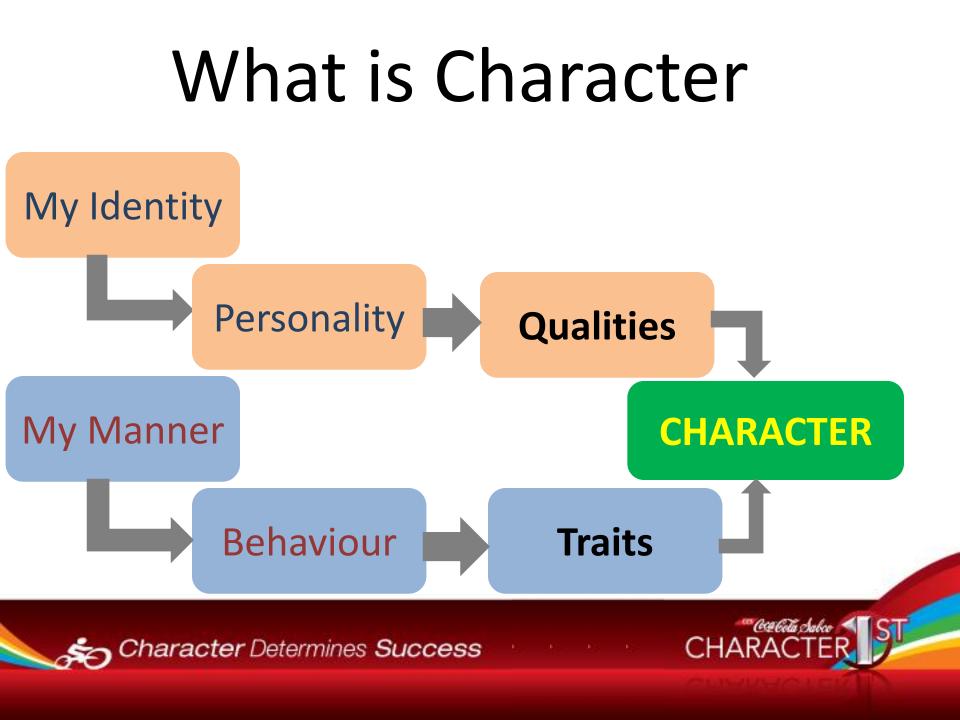


# What is Character

It is a combination of **traits** and **qualities** that distinguishes one person (me) or a group (us) from another







# Skills versus Character

"A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination" Nelson Mandela

Skills = what I learn and improve by practice (good head)

**Character** = what I develop through momentby-moment decisions I make (good heart)









Test for a good Character

My response to the pressure of difficult situations

Is what I do when I think no one will ever know

It dictates right attitudes, words and actions in every situation





How is Character developed?

Is built into my life by the decisions I made on a moment-by-moment basis

Is encouraged by emphasizing, requiring and recognizing right attitudes, words and actions

> Is modeled by leadership



Character Determines Success

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| What is good<br>Character?                                                                      | Test for a good Character                                               | How is Character developed?                                                                         |
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| My inward<br>motivation to do<br>what is right                                                  | My response to the<br>pressure of difficult<br>situations               | Is built into my life by the<br>decisions I made on a<br>moment-by-moment basis                     |
| Is beyond age, position,<br>financial status, religion,<br>education, gender and<br>personality | Is what I do when I think<br>no one will ever know                      | Is encouraged by<br>emphasizing, requiring and<br>recognizing right attitudes,<br>words and actions |
| It comes from the heart                                                                         | It dictates right attitudes,<br>words and actions in every<br>situation | Is modeled by<br>leadership                                                                         |



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Character First identifies 49 Character qualities

Handout

Explain each Character quality





#### **Alertness**

 To pay close attention to what's happening in my surroundings so that I am ready to respond



#### Attentiveness

 To pay close attention to a specific task or person







#### **Availability**

 Not being busy when others need me



#### Benevolence

• To be kind or generous to others - wish to help others







#### **Boldness**

 To have the courage (or being willing) to participate in tasks that involve risks

#### Cautiousness

• To think carefully before taking action









#### **Compassion**

 To understand the needs of others and wanting to do something about it



#### Contentment

 To experience satisfaction with oneself and with one's situation - being happy with things as they are







#### Creativity

 To use my imagination to discover a new idea or solve a problem in a unique way to think 'outside the box'



#### Decisiveness

• The ability to make decisions and take action







#### Deference

• To show respect to the people around me



#### Dependability

 People are able to trust me because I will deliver what I promised - being reliable







#### Determination

 The strong desire to do or achieve something strongly motivated to succeed despite opposition



#### Diligence

 To complete each task given to me - constant effort to accomplish every task given to me







#### Discernment

 To understand the deeper reasons why things happen
showing insight and understanding



#### Discretion

 To know how to avoid embarrassment or harmful consequences - make good or responsible decisions







#### Endurance

 To have the strength to do my best



#### Enthusiasm

 A feeling of joy or excitement that I show in the tasks I need to perform







#### Faith

 To believe that good actions will lead to good results, and that this belief is not based on any proof



#### Flexibility

 To be willing to change my plans or ideas without getting upset







#### Forgiveness

 To excuse a mistake that someone has made against me and not holding a grudge



#### Generosity

 Be able to manage my own resources (e.g. time, money) so that I can give and share some of my resources to those in need







#### Gentleness

 To be kind towards others and showing consideration for them - not being extremely harsh or stern with others



#### Gratefulness

 To let others know how I appreciate their help in making my life or work a little easier - letting others know that you are thankful for their help





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#### Honour

• To show respect to those in a higher position than me



#### Hospitality

• To share with others in a friendly and generous way







#### **Humility**

 To admit that my successes come from the help of others

#### Initiative

• To do something before someone asks me to do it





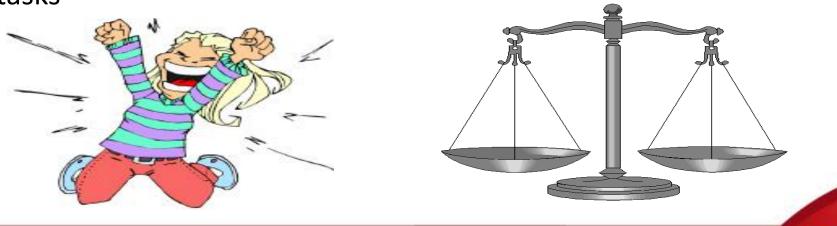


#### **Joyfulness**

 To have a positive and friendly attitude even when performing unpleasant tasks

#### **Justice**

 To take the responsibility to do and to uphold what is right





#### Loyalty

• To devote myself to a person or a cause



#### Meekness

 To show patience and obedience







#### **Obedience**

 To be willing to comply with the commands or instructions of those in authority



#### **Orderliness**

 To organize myself and my surroundings so that I can carry out a task to the best of my ability







#### Patience

 Calmly tolerating and accepting a difficult situation - not being hasty or impulsive



#### Persuasiveness

• Convincing others to take on a certain idea or action







#### **Punctuality**

 To do the right thing at the right time - complete a required task before or at a specific time



#### Resourcefulness

 To find practical uses for ideas that were previously overlooked







#### Responsibility

 Knowing and doing what is expected of me - being willing to fulfill my duties

#### Security

 Securing belongings that cannot be taken away from me







#### Self-Control

• To control my emotions, behaviours and desires.



#### Sensitivity

 To be aware of, and understand the attitudes, feelings and circumstances of others







#### Sincerity

 To be open, genuine and truthful to the people around me - willingness to do what is right with no hidden motives



#### Thoroughness

 To give close attention to details of a task during performance so that I can carry out the work in the most effective way







#### Thriftiness

 Allowing myself and others to spend only what is necessary - being careful in the amount of resources I spend



#### Tolerance

 Willingness to recognize and respect the rights and beliefs of others







#### Truthfulness

 To be open and honest with others by reporting the right facts



#### Virtue

• To do what is right and avoiding what is wrong

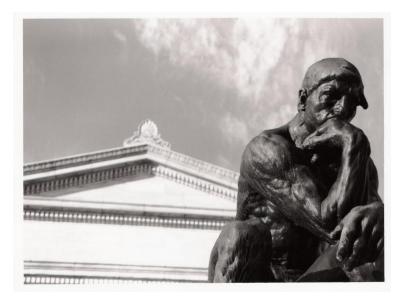






#### Wisdom

 To have a deeper understanding of people or situations - think and act using knowledge, experience, understanding, common sense and insight



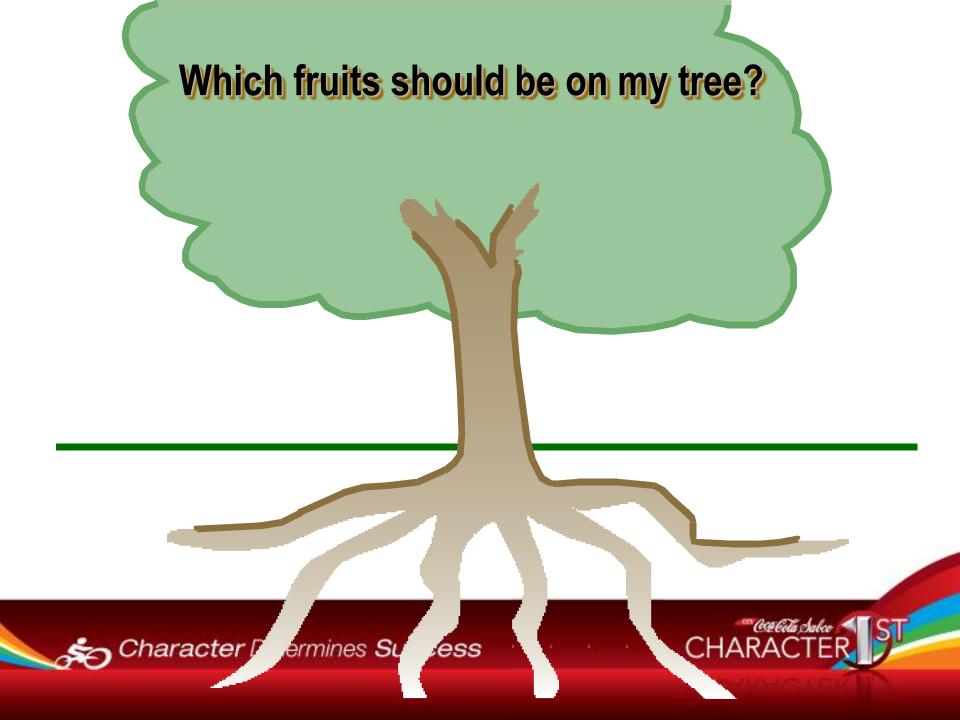


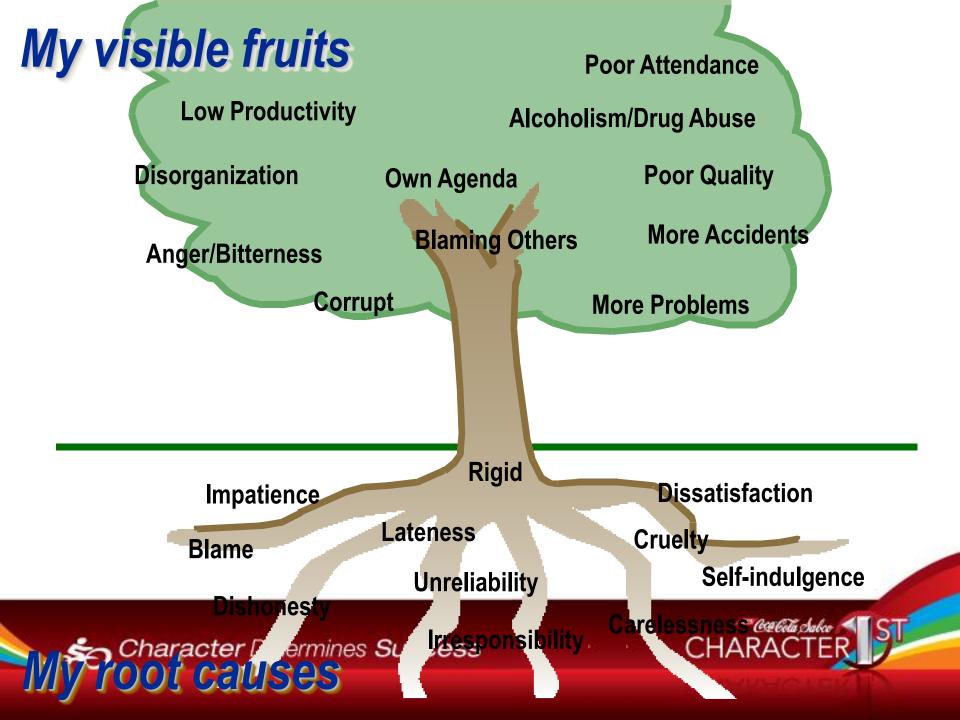


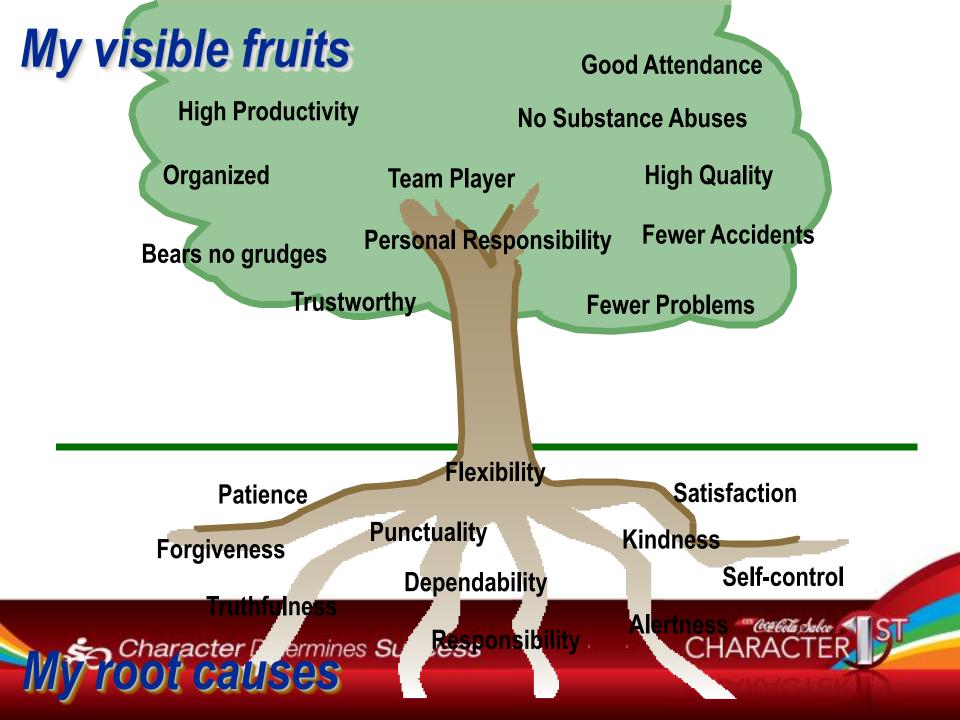


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Building Character

- Develops a moral compass for behaviour
- Creates a good attitude
- Defines a person's response
- Influence others for good
- Provides a basis for future leadership
- Builds a foundation for success in life





Benefits of Character 

- By building character in my live, I can reach my full potential
- Makes me not only a better employee but also a better spouse, parent, neighbour and citizen

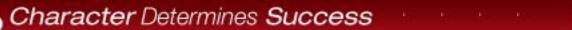
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How to establish a Character based culture

- Be committed to Character
- Be an example of Character
- Communicate the standard (49 character qualities)
- Be committed to Character training
- Base all employment decisions to Character
- Understand and correct wrong attitudes



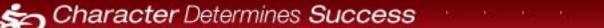


"When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost "

Motto

"Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without the strategy "

Norman Schwarzkopf







Like the brilliance of a diamond, success in every area of my life will be improved as I develop the qualities of my character





Live on the Character **First** side of life

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