

Character Traits for November are Discernment and Discretion

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.

We have two character traits this month, and will be focusing on one of them each week. This week the focus is on discretion.

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

Derivation: **Discretion** comes from the Latin word, discretionem, which means "the power to distinguish, to separate".

Weekly Verse: Proverbs 3:21 "My son, do not let wisdom and understanding out of your sight, preserve sound judgment and discretion."

Bible Story: Acts 5:1-11 gives us an example of what happens when discretion is not used through the story of Ananias and Sapphira.

Quote: "I have never been hurt by anything I didn't say."

Application:

If your lips would keep from slips,

Five things observe with care;

Of who you speak, to whom you speak,

And how and when and where.

Discussion Questions:

Have you had a time in the past week where you did not follow the five guidelines listed above? What was the result?

Which of the five do you think you struggle with the most?