

# NATURE & CHARACTER OF GOD

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*"You come to know God by experience as you obey Him,  
and He accomplishes His work through you." - Henry Blackaby*

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## Disciples who follow Jesus...

- Grow and are committed to growing in the knowledge and attributes of God. *2 Peter 3:18*
- Have their identity securely resting in God's character. *Colossians 2:9-13; 1 John 4:13-16*
- Abide in Him, which is critical to expressing His love. *John 15:9-13*
- Want God to be glorified in every way. *Romans 11:33-36*

## ... Therefore, your commitments are:

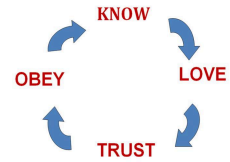
- Discuss the "Vision for Foundations"
- Share your spiritual journey with the group
- Listen to the audio on the CV webpage and take notes: "[Character of God](#)" Bill Ewing (Part 1 - 38 min)
  - Optional: Listen to [Part 2 of the same audio](#) - 58 min
- Bible Study: "Nature and Character of God"
- Write down a key thought (on the Action Plan page at the end of the manual)
- Seek to have a Quiet Time every day
- Memorize one of the following verses about God's revealed Character
  - Deuteronomy 32:4 with topic: Nature of God
  - Psalm 103:8 with topic: God's Character
  - 1 Chron. 29:11-13 with topic: Nature of God
  - Isaiah 25:1 with topic: God's Faithfulness
- Attend CV and take notes
- Meet with your group leader
- Optional: Study Isaiah 44-66 and make a list of every time it mentions something concerning:
  - Nature and Character of God
  - Nature of Man
  - How God has dealt with Man

## BEFORE YOU MOVE ON:

What is one attribute of God's nature that will guide the way you act/interact with others in the coming weeks?

## Nature & Character of God

Our perspective about ourselves, others, and things that happen to us are all related to our view of God. We must have an accurate view of God. Our response to God is dependent on our understanding of God and his character. The more we know God the more we will understand his desires for our life. The better we know God the more we will understand and the less we will be confused, frustrated or angry in life.



This sequence is critical: When we **know** God we will be able to more completely **love** God. When we **love** God, we will learn to **trust** God. When we **trust** God, it will be easier to **obey** God. And **obeying** God will lead to a deeper understanding of the nature and character of God.

What do these verses reveal about God's character?

Jeremiah 32:17

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Psalms 103:8-12 and 130:3-4

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Malachi 3:6 and James 1:17

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Jeremiah 9:23-24 and 29:13

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Deuteronomy 4:39 and Jeremiah 29:11

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Psalms 139:1-6 and 1 John 3:19-20

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Isaiah 6:1-3 and Romans 5:8

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Psalms 139:7-10

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Use a separate page to record your thoughts about the following.

1. Think about **God's infinite power**. What difference would it make in your life to believe this?
2. God **knows everything**. What does God know about you and your present circumstances? (be specific) Why should this be encouraging to you?
3. God **loves you**. How does this help you as you accept his love?
4. God is **holy**. What is your reaction to learning that God expects you to deal with sin in your life? What areas of your life represent the greatest challenge for you to change as you consider God's holiness?
5. God is **everywhere**. How can this be an encouragement for you?
6. God's **perfect justice**. It is God's responsibility to deal with other people's faults. How could this free you?
7. God is **forgiving**. What do you think about this? Are there any situations in which God would not forgive you?
8. God **does not change**. How would believing this truth give you stability in life?
9. God can be **known**. Why is this important?
10. God is in **control**. Why is this hard to believe? How would believing that God really is in control help you?

Think about each of these aspects of God's character. Now think about people God has put in your life or the circumstances you face. What difference should it make for you to believe these qualities of God? What kinds of problems will a person experience who has an incorrect view and understanding of God?

**OPTIONAL:**

Think about each characteristic of God you have looked at in this study. For each quality write out your responsibilities like this:

**Because God** \_\_\_\_\_ (is forgiving, knows everything, is in control, etc),  
**I can** \_\_\_\_\_.

*Example:* Because God is love, I can love John. I can accept him as God made him.

What are some of your biggest questions about God? Who could you talk with about this?