



# Character Development

TASK: Discuss the topic of character development.

CONDITIONS: Given an environment that fosters learning, discuss the topic of character development.

STANDARDS: Understand why character is necessary to the Army ethic.

REFERENCE(S): ADRP 1; Army Values.



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**Character** is more than what you post on facebook to display for others to see; it is who you are, even when no one is watching.

**Good character** is doing the right thing, not because someone ordered you, but just because it is right.

**Character** is comprised of your deepest values. Sometimes it is described as “the line you will never cross.”

**Good character** is derived from living a life consistently governed by a moral code. This moral code may include; the Army Values, personal values and religious values.

**Poor Character** is usually described as a lack of integrity. Poor Character begins by hurting others, but in time it will likely be reciprocated and hurt you.



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The next time you are tempted to act based on short-term gain or an "easy fix" to a problem, always remember that you are eroding your character.

You are what you do. Failure to consider the long term consequences of what you do can cause regret.

Joy and life satisfaction are a common benefit for those who have good character.

You can develop good character by consistently living true to your moral code.



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Character is:

- Courage
- Honesty
- Accountability
- Responsibility
- Authenticity
- Compassion
- Trustworthiness
- Excellence
- Reverence