

**LESSONS IN MANHOOD 2: PAY ATTENTION TO CHARACTER**

Job 1:1-12, 20-22, Psalm 18:2, Read Philippians 1:9-10



Use one of these to get the group talking about today’s topic:

• What is the biggest ethical or fraudulent scandal you can recall? Some government or corporate corruption? What made it so memorable to you?

* What company do you enjoy doing business with because you know you will always have a good experience?
* How can you tell if someone you are working with has good character and integrity?



Go in-depth with these questions. Based on your available time, choose 3-4 that you believe are most thought-provoking:

• Read Job 1:1-3. How do you think that Job got such a good reputation?

* Is it unusual for someone as wealthy as Job to also be of good character? Why or why not?
* Read Job 1:8-12. What lesson was God teaching about Job when he gave satan permission to remove His blessings from Job and his family?
* Why do you think Job lived righteously and blamelessly? On what did Job base his faith?
* Read Job 1:20-22. How did Job respond to the calamities that came to his life?
* Did Job have integrity? What about his story makes you answer in this way?
* After these tests, the Lord restored Job’s fortunes. Read Job 42:10-11. How did Job’s faithfulness to God during his trials bear witness to those around him?
* Read Psalm 18:2. Where can you turn when you have trials and tests in life?
* Read Philippians 1:9-10. How can you pray about integrity and character?



• Are you being tested in some way this week? How can you maintain your faithfulness and integrity through testing?

* Do you believe God may be teaching you something through a trial or test? What can you build up in character through a trial or test?
* Is your character and integrity solid? Ask God to help you in areas of your life and work where your integrity may be in question.