

FORCE OF HABIT #1
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“Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:1-2 NIV

“No one who has been born of God practices sin, because His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin continually, because he has been born of God.” 1 John 3:9 NASB

“For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.” Titus 2:10-11 NIV

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” Luke 6:46 NIV

GOOD HABITS _____.

BAD HABITS _____.

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BAD HABITS _____.

“Everyone sees it. God’s work is the talk of the town. Be glad, good people! Fly to GOD! Good-hearted people, make praise your habit.” Psalm 64:9-10 MSG

MY CHARACTER = A LARGE BUNDLE OF HABITS (PRACTICES)

HABIT: a settled or regular practice, especially one that is hard to give up

RIGHT HABITS _____.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.” Mt. 7:24-25 NIV

RIGHT HABITS _____.

“The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.” Matthew 23:2-3 NIV

RIGHT HABITS _____.

Now Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see him, but they were not able to get near him because of the crowd. Someone told him, “Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see you.” He replied, “My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s word and put it into practice.” Luke 8:19-21 NIV

RIGHT HABITS _____.

“Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:19 NIV

RIGHT HABITS _____.

“God will repay each person according to what they have done. To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger.” Romans 2:6-8 NIV

RIGHT HABITS _____.

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.” Matthew 6:1 NIV

RIGHT HABITS _____.

“Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.” 1 Timothy 4:16 NIV

HABITS REFLECT THE SOURCE OF MY LIFE

“Dear friend, do not imitate what is evil but what is good. Anyone who does what is good is from God. Anyone who does what is evil has not seen God.” 3 John 11

“If you grow a healthy tree, you’ll pick healthy fruit. If you grow a diseased tree, you’ll pick worm-eaten fruit. The fruit tells you about the tree. A good person produces good deeds and words season after season.” Matthew 12:33, 35 MSG

FOR DISCUSSION

WHY ARE GOOD HABITS HARD TO ESTABLISH AND EASY TO LOSE?

WHY ARE BAD HABITS EASY TO ESTABLISH AND HARD TO BREAK?

WHICH ASPECT OF DEVELOPING “RIGHT HABITS” APPLIES TO YOUR LIFE TODAY?

WHAT ROLE DO OTHER MEN PLAY AS IT RELATES TO YOUR HABITS GOOD OR BAD?

IS THERE A HABIT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DEFEAT OUT OF LOVE FOR GOD AND PEOPLE?