

FIVE H'S DESCRIBING CHARACTER

I. Introduction

- A. We have used this method along to help us in remembering lessons by beginning five topics with the same letter.
- B. We want to consider five words that begin with H.
- C. These things are all characteristics of the character of a person who is accepted of God--we need to exhibit all five.

II. Five H's in the character of a Christian

A. Harmless...

- 1. (Matt 10:16) Sent forth "harmless as doves"
- 2. (Phil 2:15) Blameless and harmless...
- 3. (Heb 7:26) Jesus is Holy, Harmless...
- 4. We come to do NO HARM, only good...
 - a) There is only GOOD WILL in the hearts of true Christians
 - b) There is never intent to harm or do harm
 - c) To harm such a one is to harm one's own interest.
- 5. Are we truly HARMLESS?
 - a) Or do we harbor resentment, hatreds, wrong attitudes
 - b) Do we sometimes DO PEOPLE WRONG?
 - c) Much evil has been done IN THE NAME OF RELIGION

B. Honest...

- 1. (Luk 8:15) Honest and good heart--good ground in parable of the sower.
- 2. (Acts 6:3) Men of honest report.
- 3. (Rom 12:17) Provide things honest in the sight of all men
(2Co 8:21) Providing for honest things...
- 4. (2Co 13:7) Do that which is honest...
- 5. (Phil 4:8) Think on these things (honest)
- 6. (1Pe 2:12) Conversation HONEST among the Gentiles...
- 7. Honest has many senses...
 - a) Honest--Willing to face the truth, even if it hurts
 - b) Honest--Responsible in handling money, time, people, etc.
 - c) Honest--Above reproach in any matter
 - d) Honest--Reliable in what one says and does to always tell the truth and do the right things.

C. Humble...

- 1. Humble yourself...
 - a) (Matt 18:4) As a little child...
 - b) (1Pe 5:6) Under God's mighty hand
 - c) (Matt 23:12) To be exalted (Jam 4:10)
 - d) (1Pe 5:5) Clothed with humility
 - e) (Acts 20:19) Attitude in your mind...

2. A man can be humbled by circumstances (2Co 12:21)
3. Some humility may not glorify God (Col 2:18,23)
4. Our humility should be submission to God's will and truth
 - a) Most religious errors come from lack of humility on the part of SOMEONE
 - b) A humble person is powerful, because they can control THEMSELVES and not let pride overcome them
 - c) Without humility we can't please God. (Jam 4:6)

D. Holy...

1. Holy--set apart, sacred, consecrated
2. (1Co 7:34) Holy in body and spirit
3. (Eph 1:4) Planned for saved ones to be HOLY...
4. (Eph 5:27) The church should be holy and without blemish
5. (1Pe 1:15-16) Be ye holy...
6. (2Pe 3:11) Holy conversation...
7. (Rev 22:11) He that is holy, let him be holy still.
8. We can only be made holy by God consecrating us
9. There is an obligation of a Holy thing to be DEVOTED TO GOD because that's its character.

E. Happy...

1. (John 13:17) ...happy are ye if you do them...
2. (Acts 26:2) Paul was happy to be able to preach before Agrippa
3. (Rom 14:22) Happy if we have a good conscience.
4. (Jam 5:11) We count them HAPPY which endure...
5. (1Pe 3:14) Happy to suffer for righteousness' sake
(1Pe 4:14) Happy if reproached for the name of Christ.
6. The Christian can have the ONLY TRULY HAPPY LIFE!

III. Conclusion

- A. From these five H's we have learned a lot about the Christian's life.

1. Harmless
2. Honest
3. Humble
4. Holy
5. Happy

- B. Does this describe your life? Do you wish it did? It can!

Why don't you obey the Lord right now?