

The Five R's
Part 7
More about Remain
Developing character with Jesus in it
(What about Super Heroes?)

1. Bear in mind the following verses as we move forward in this teaching.
2. These will be needed in all teachings. (Very powerful)
3. Our protection, success, profit and stability, are in these verses.

James 1:22 (AMP) (Prevent deception)

²² But **be doers of the Word** [obey the message], and not merely listeners to it, betraying yourselves [into deception by reasoning contrary to the Truth].

James 2:17 (RSV) (Keep faith alive)

¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

James 2:20 (MSG) (Do not cut faith and works in two)

²⁰ Use your heads! Do you suppose for a minute that you can **cut faith and works in two** and not end up with a corpse on your hands?

James 2:26 (MSG) (Do not separate faith and works)

²⁶ The very moment you separate body and spirit, you end up with **a corpse**. Separate faith and works and you get the same thing: **a corpse**.

Hebrews 4:2 (KJV) (Gospel mixed with faith equals profit)

² For unto us was the **gospel** preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them**, not being **mixed with faith** in them that heard *it*.

Matthew 7:24-27 (RSV) (Could be the two most important words in the Bible)

²⁴ "Every one then who hears these words of mine and **does them** will be like a wise man who built his house upon the rock;

²⁵ and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.

²⁶ And every one who hears these words of mine and **does not do them** will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand;

²⁷ and the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell; and great was the fall of it."

(Short review)

4. Our goal was to have proper fruits.
5. This should always be our purpose in this world.

John 15:16-17 (MSG)

¹⁶ "You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and **put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil**. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

¹⁷ "But remember **the root command: Love one another**.

6. Not just fruit but much sweet continuous fruit.
7. Our fruit or character should edify people and glorify our heavenly Father.
8. We also learned the importance of developing the character quality of alertness.
9. Being alert will prevent the shutdown of all 51 character qualities in my character arsenal.
10. Our main question has been "How can we fix or repair this problem of not working properly?"
11. To help us the Holy Spirit and I have been teaching the Five "R's" or stages.

12. Once again here are the five R's or stages. (Acrostic)

- (1) **R**eveal (**Stage #1**)
- (2) **R**epent (**Stage #2**)
- (3) **R**emove (**Stage #3**)
- (4) **R**eplace (**Stage #4**)
- (5) **R**emain (**Stage #5**)



13. Allow me to say a little more about our last “R” or stage which is Remain.

14. If we desire our sweet fruit or character to remain we need the following:

- (1) **Stay alert**
- (2) **Prayer**
- (3) **Study**
- (4) **Application of God's word** (Which we already noted)

15. All four are in the following verse.

16. In addition if we do not operate in these four areas we could enter the **danger zone**.

17. This is the verse in this translation that says it best for me.

Mark 14:38 (MSG) (Stay alert/prayer/study/apply)

³⁸ Stay alert, be in prayer, so you don't enter the danger zone without even knowing it. Don't be naive. Part of you is eager, ready for anything in God; but another part is as lazy as an old dog sleeping by the fire."

18. Dictionary definition for the word “Naïve”: deficient in informed judgment

19. One synonym for “Naïve”: Unstudied

20. If anyone is naïve they need to study God's word and apply it.

21. Even though we know all five “R’s” or stages if we are not alert we will suffer the consequences.

22. Wisdom from above says: (Reference **wisdom from above** James 3:13-18) (V17)

(1) Stay alert

(2) Be in prayer (Both in tongues and our native language)

(3) Study God’s word

(4) Apply it (Or we can say take action)

Proverbs 19:20 (AMP)

²⁰ **Hear** counsel, **receive** instruction, *and* **accept** correction, that you may **be wise** in the time to come.

23. Wisdom says maintain a **Biblical character standard** for our fruit to remain or continue.

24. Notice I said a Biblical character standard.

25. We will now enter interesting waters.

26. A Biblical character standard simple means that we develop true character with Jesus in it.

27. At this point I am talking about non-believers.

28. Example children in schools and adults in the business world teaching character using a particular animal or something else in creation without Jesus in it.

29. Keep in mind we can learn from God’s creation.

30. However they are just examples from God’s creation to reveal the character qualities of Jesus.

31. Statement there is a danger of developing character without Jesus in it.
32. For example children or adults learning character qualities apart from Jesus are building self-righteousness in their life.
33. Thinking they can do things without Jesus.

Proverbs 14:12-13 (RSV)

¹² There is a way which **seems right** to a man, but its end is the way to death.

¹³ Even in laughter the heart is sad, and the end of joy is grief.

34. In other words I don't need Jesus because I am like the bison-alert.
35. I am like the wolverine-determined.
36. I'm okay without Jesus because I am like the honeybee-loyal.
37. I am like the badger- decisive.
38. Consider this verse.

Romans 10:3 (KJV)

³ For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and **going about to establish their own righteousness**, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.

39. People are attempting to make themselves right apart from Jesus. (Various ways)
40. They are trying to improve their behavior in the work place.
41. This is good to a point.
42. However it is like trying to change a pig into a racehorse. (This is just an example)

43. The proper perspective for true character to develop is in the following verses.

John 3:3 (AMP) (Racehorse)

³ Jesus answered him, I assure you, most solemnly I tell you, that unless a person is **born again (anew, from above)**, he cannot ever see (know, be acquainted with, and experience) the kingdom of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV) (Racehorse)

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a **new creation**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

Romans 5:17 (RSV) (Becoming right with God is free)

¹⁷ If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more **will those who receive** the abundance of grace and the **free gift of righteousness** reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

44. If Jesus is not in true character or fruit is out. (Will not manifest)

45. If people are keeping Jesus out they are keeping salvation out.

Acts 4:12 (AMP)

¹² And there is **salvation#4991** in *and* through no one else, **for there is no other name** under heaven given among men by *and* in which we must be saved.

46. Greek definitions for “salvation” #4991: Deliverance, preservation, rescue or safety (physical or morally), health

Hebrews 2:3 (RSV)

³ **how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?** It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him,

47. People ought to be saying:

- (1) **I am like Jesus-alert.** (However **I can also learn from** the **bison**)
- (2) **I am like Jesus-determined.** (However **I can also learn from** the **wolverine**)
- (3) **I am like Jesus-loyal.** (However **I can also learn from** **honeybee**)
- (4) **I am like Jesus-decisive.** (However **I can also learn from** the **badger**)

48. **Note this:** I have 19 examples of God's creation relating to character in my resource box.

49. I provided only a few.

50. Bison, wolverine, honeybee, and the badger.

51. Let me know if you are interested in more.

52. Developing Character qualities **with Jesus in it** is the key.

53. Trying to be a good person through character without Jesus will not work.

54. Why because apart from Jesus we can't produce a thing.

55. Without Jesus a person is not able to produce true godly fruit.

56. Without Jesus people are lost.

57. Without Jesus there is no salvation.

58. Without salvation there will be no heaven.

59. No King

60. No kingdom

61. No hope

62. The **opposite** is true as well.
63. Found
64. Delivered
65. A place in heaven
66. King
67. Kingdom
68. Hope
69. Furthermore their fruit or character will not remain.
70. It will eventually spoil.

John 15:5 (AMP)

⁵ I am the **Vine**; you are the **branches**. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears **much (abundant) fruit**. However, **apart from Me** [cut off from vital union with Me] **you can do nothing**.

John 15:5 (MSG)

⁵ "I am the **Vine**, you are the **branches**. When you're joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. **Separated, you can't produce a thing**.

71. There needs to be a connection or joining between Jesus and the person.
72. No Vine no branches.
73. No Jesus no life.

1 John 5:12 (NKJV)

¹² He who has the Son **has life**; **he who does not** have the Son of God **does not have life**.

74. Satan does not want this connection to materialize.

75. If the connection does take place fruit or character will be the result and the Father will be honor and glorified.

John 15:8 (AMP)

⁸ When you bear (produce) much fruit, **My Father is honored and glorified**, and you show *and* prove yourselves to be true followers of Mine.

76. Therefore if the connection does not take place God is being robbed of potential honor and glory.

77. In other words if there is no fruit or character God will not be honored and glorified.

78. What would be some of the **devastating punches** to the unsaved from the kingdom of darkness?

(1) To make them think (Influence) that they do not need Jesus as Lord and Savior.

(2) To operate in God's universal laws without knowing the One who made those laws. (Sowing and reaping)

(3) To make them think that they are okay.

(4) To make them think everything is going great.

79. Question why would the kingdom of darkness take the time to push an unsaved person off a cliff if the person is already headed to the edge of the cliff?

80. What can be **the response** of the believer on behalf of the unsaved?

81. In other words what **spiritual punches** can we as believers return against the kingdom of darkness?

82. **Answer.** Apply the five “R’s or stages.

- (1) **Reveal (Stage #1) (The need for Jesus as Lord and Savior)**
- (2) **Repent (Stage #2) (Repent for rejecting Jesus)**
- (3) **Remove (Stage #3) (False reasoning)**
- (4) **Replace (Stage #4) (With God’s word rightly divided)**
- (5) **Remain (Stage #5) (That their (Fruit or character) remains sweet and continuous bringing honor and glory to the Father.**

83. We as believers are to renew our mind with God’s word.

84. This includes developing the character qualities of Jesus Christ.

85. To the point of our fruit or character remaining sweet.

Romans 12:2 (RSV)

² **Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind**, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

86. **To go a step further.**

87. People (Both adults and children) (Both believers and non-believers) could even say “I am like”:

1. Iron man
2. Avengers
3. Captain America
4. Hulk
5. Spider man
6. Ant Man
7. Thor
8. X-men
9. Batman
10. Superman
11. The Arrow
12. Wolverine
13. Wonder woman
14. And so on...

88. One dangerous conclusion for children is this.
89. In addition this could happen to believers and non-believers.
90. They could believe they have no need for Jesus because they have all their super heroes.
(Hanging all over the room)
91. They could have in their thoughts that these super heroes can in some way help them
which in fact cannot help them.
92. Specifically for the believer they could lose their focus of Jesus being the center of their
life.

As Believers

93. If we desire our godly fruit or character to remain we need to maintain the real things
from God.
94. We cannot live in a fantasy world of make-believe. (Think of the children)
95. Many of us may need to make some life adjustments.