

Reading: I Thessalonians 1:1-8

Topic: Developing The Christ-Like Character # 4

**INTRODUCTION:** Once we have examined ourselves and honestly \_\_\_\_\_ what kind of personality and character that we have, our next \_\_\_\_\_ is to strengthen the good points of our character and \_\_\_\_\_ to eliminate the negative traits.

## I. SPARKY SANGUINE:

### A. Strengths:

1. Enjoying – seemingly always in a \_\_\_\_\_ mood, never bored or disinterested in things that are going on in his/her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Optimistic – has a God-given ability to live in the \_\_\_\_\_, forgetting the heartache of the \_\_\_\_\_ and not worrying about the problems of the \_\_\_\_\_. He/she is easily inspired by new \_\_\_\_\_ and projects, always optimistic that they will \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Friendly – is very \_\_\_\_\_ and has a genuine \_\_\_\_\_ for people, enjoying meeting \_\_\_\_\_ people and \_\_\_\_\_ friends easily.
4. Compassionate – He/she has a very \_\_\_\_\_ and compassionate heart, having the gift to “weep with those that \_\_\_\_\_ and to rejoice with those that \_\_\_\_\_” and can change emotions quickly. Rom. 12:15

### B. Weaknesses:

1. Restless – frequently changes \_\_\_\_\_ because of being guided by \_\_\_\_\_, which in turn results in a loss of steadfast productivity.
2. Weak-willed – the dynamic personality is often a cover-up for a \_\_\_\_\_ will, often starting things that are never \_\_\_\_\_, which often leads to undependability to obligations. This negative and dangerous trait causes him/her to be \_\_\_\_\_ influenced by people and surroundings. Lk. 22:31,32
3. Egotistical – the warm personality that pleases other people often leads to compliments for him/her that causes one to think more \_\_\_\_\_ of themselves than one ought to think, and also to \_\_\_\_\_ more and more about themselves. Rom. 12:3
4. Emotionally Unstable – gets discouraged \_\_\_\_\_, gets upset \_\_\_\_\_, but also apologizes for wrong actions and \_\_\_\_\_ forgets the whole thing, but can also have the tendency to \_\_\_\_\_ his/her weaknesses and to drift into feeling \_\_\_\_\_ for him/herself.

### C. Corrective Growth Measures:

1. Sparky first needs to recognize his/her \_\_\_\_\_, own up to them and begin to work on them through prayer and submission to the Word of God.
2. Sparky needs to develop a strong daily \_\_\_\_\_ life, being filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ and allowing God to \_\_\_\_\_ in him/her to bring growth, stability and dependence upon the \_\_\_\_\_ rather than himself/herself.

## II. ROCKY CHOLERIC:

### A. Strengths:

1. Strong Will-Power – very \_\_\_\_\_-disciplined, determined and also confident of his/her ability, with

very well \_\_\_\_\_ activity, and always finishing what he/she has \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Practical – For Rocky, everything in life is considered by its \_\_\_\_\_, and he/she can quickly find a solution to almost any \_\_\_\_\_ he/she faces. He/she has a keen mind to \_\_\_\_\_ things but too much detail is bothersome and undesirable.
3. Leader – He/she is known as the “\_\_\_\_\_” person and will often not only accept leadership, but volunteer for it. Other people respond well to him/her and Rocky is quick and \_\_\_\_\_ when it comes to responding in emergencies.
4. Optimistic – when facing a difficult situation, Rocky doesn't focus on the \_\_\_\_\_ and the potential problems but instead keeps his/her eyes on the \_\_\_\_\_. Adversity only gives him/her all the \_\_\_\_\_ determination to achieve the \_\_\_\_\_ and also is not afraid to try the unknown \_\_\_\_\_.

### **B. Weaknesses:**

1. Hot-tempered – Rocky has a very low \_\_\_\_\_ point and after his/her outbursts of temper, often carrying a grudge, even to the point of being revengeful. This angry disposition causes others to want to \_\_\_\_\_ him/her, weakening the leadership ability and can even cause \_\_\_\_\_ in the individual.
2. Cruel – this is an undesirable trait that causes him/her to run roughshod over the \_\_\_\_\_ of other people in order to get his/her own \_\_\_\_\_, even resorting to all kinds of craftiness to accomplish his/her \_\_\_\_\_, even possibly using dishonesty.
3. Impetuous (Impulsive) – Rocky often gets into trouble with his/her \_\_\_\_\_, blurting out \_\_\_\_\_, blunt and sarcastic statements that \_\_\_\_\_ other people. It is very difficult for him/her to apologize or to ever \_\_\_\_\_ any wrongdoing. He/she can be a very difficult marriage partner to live with, rarely ever showing any approval to his/her \_\_\_\_\_. Mt. 16:22,23
4. Self-sufficient – this leads to a \_\_\_\_\_, haughty and domineering type of individual, which causes the people around him/her to feel that they could never \_\_\_\_\_ him/her, no matter what they would do. This trait is also a great hindrance to spiritual growth as he/she tends to \_\_\_\_\_ upon themselves rather than to depend upon the Lord. 2 Cor. 3:5

### **C. Needs:**

1. The Rocky Choleric person has a great need to recognize his/her deep \_\_\_\_\_, and to confess their sin and failures before God, crying out to Him for mercy and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Cholerics must \_\_\_\_\_ themselves before the Lord, and develop a daily prayer \_\_\_\_\_ which will lead them to being filled with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God and becoming more like Jesus, and learning that their dependence must be upon the Lord Jesus and not on themselves and their abilities. Mt. 23:11,12

**Conclusion:** No matter what we are \_\_\_\_\_, we do not have to remain the \_\_\_\_\_ and it is possible to be changed as we yield ourselves to \_\_\_\_\_, allowing Him to \_\_\_\_\_ in us and change us into His image.