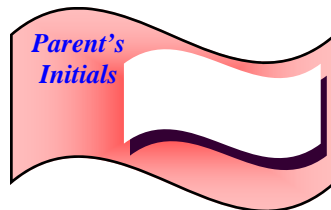


# Crossword Puzzle



3. He's the Lord.  
 8. Man looks at the outward \_\_\_\_\_.  
 10. Our character trait this week.  
 11. "A wolf in sheep's \_\_\_\_\_."  
 12. To know the \_\_\_\_ nature of a matter, one \_\_\_\_\_ must look deeper than the surface.  
 13. Sometime people try to sell a \_\_\_\_ that looks good on the outside, but has a bad \_\_\_\_\_ motor .  
 14. Opposite of "outside".  
 18. The Lord Jesus also told us that we should not \_\_\_\_\_ everyone's words.  
 19. If we make an evaluation of something by \_\_\_\_\_ only looking at it on the surface, we will draw a \_\_\_\_\_ conclusion.

1. The title of this set of lessons.  
 2. People who are shallow make \_\_\_\_\_ observations .  
 4. Not deep.  
 5. Not a wolf.  
 6. We need to look deeper than the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 7. He knows the depths of jewelry.  
 9. We should be those who \_\_\_\_ and search \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word to learn the truth.  
 15. To know the real nature of a matter, one \_\_\_\_\_ must look \_\_\_\_\_ than the surface.



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## Character - Lesson Nine -

### Deep — (Not Being Superficial)

#### I. Overview.

**I**n order to properly understand people, situations and things we need a deep character. We should not judge people based upon their outward appearance, but rather by their inward condition. We should not be shallow people who can be easily deceived because we believe whatever we are told.

In this world some people tell lies and try to deceive others. If we are deep in our character, we will look deeper than the surface of what people say. We will be able to dig down, to investigate, so that we can make an accurate judgment. People who are shallow are fooled easily. They only make superficial observations and therefore make inaccurate judgments and conclusions. The Lord Jesus warned the disciples not to be led astray by false ones who would say "I am the Christ". We must not be satisfied with what we see on the surface, we must find out what is on the inside.



Below the surface of the ocean there are beautiful things to see. You can't see them from the surface.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart". (1 Sam 16:7)**

### III. Lesson.

#### We Need to Look Deeper Than the Surface

To know the real nature of a matter, one must look deeper than the surface. If we make an evaluation of something by only looking at it on the surface, we will draw a wrong conclusion. Sometime people try to sell a car that looks good on the outside, but has a bad motor on the inside. Sometimes a very good book (like the Bible) might have an inexpensive cover and we might miss its precious content. We shouldn't judge by what we see outwardly.

People who are not deep in their character are shallow. They make superficial observations that lead to wrong or foolish understanding. For example, if someone brought a valuable piece of jewelry to a jeweler to sell it to him, a wise jeweler would not believe that the item was genuine until he had examined it carefully. He would not just look at the outward beauty, but would also look at its inward quality.



#### Christians Should Be Deep

We as Christians should be deep in our character. We should search and investigate things carefully so that we will have the proper discernment and make accurate judgments. The Lord Jesus told those who believed into Him that they should go on to know and abide in His word. Then they would know the truth and would truly be His disciples. We should not trust that we already know the truth. We should be those who dig and search in God's Word to learn the truth.

The Lord Jesus also told us that we should not trust everyone or believe everyone's words. He said that false prophets would come. They would pretend to be God's servants and pretend to speak God's Word from the Bible. But they would not really be Christians nor would they really be speaking God's Word. Rather they would speak their own ideas. They would actually be like wolves who are hiding under sheep's clothing. They would pretend to be God's people, the sheep. Actually they would be from God's enemy, the Devil (the wolf). They would not come to feed God's people, but to try to kill them.

If we are deep in our character we will become wise in our judgments. We will be able to listen carefully and investigate the facts. This will make us better equipped as servants of God.

#### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be deep?  
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2. What are some opposites of being deep?  
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3. Why do we need to be deep?  
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4. Why should we not judge by outward appearance?  
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5. Why would a jeweler need to be deep?  
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