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Character

- Lesson Six -

Broad — (Having a Wide Perspective)



When we are broad, we have a wide perspective. When we are at the top of a mountain, we can see all things. But when we are in a valley, we can only see what is close to us. God want us to have a wide view and to love and care for all people.

I. Overview.

We need a broad heart that has a wide perspective. We need a heart that is how God's heart is: broad, concerned for all people, regardless of how they are, their race, class, grade or age. We should not respect some people and despise others. If the rich person "mocks the poor" he "reproaches his Maker" (Prov. 17:5). His heart is too narrow; he only appreciates those who are like himself.



The eagle has a very broad view from up high.

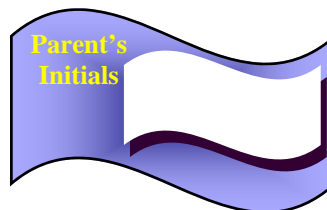
As Christians, we should not "have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ with respect of persons" (James 2:1). We should see the whole picture concerning people and things, not only a small view that concerns or benefits only ourselves.

We should not be like a frog sitting in a well who only sees a small, tiny sky. We should be like the eagle upon a mountain that beholds the whole earth. We should have a large heart and we should have a broad character.

II. Memory Verse.

"And God gave Solomon wisdom and very much understanding and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore."

(1 Kings 4:29)



III. Lesson.

To Be Broad is to Have a Wide Perspective

If we are to become vessels that are “useful to the Master, prepared unto every good work” (2 Tim 2:21), we must be broad in our character. If we only know to be exact, strict and diligent, we may become a narrow person. We might become tight toward others, even selfish and stingy.

We need a wide perspective that we can see the complete scenery, the whole situation around us. Then we can have largeness of heart like King Solomon had. He built the greatest temple for the Lord that has ever been built upon the earth.



This is how much sky a frog can see when he looks up from inside a well. Can he see as much as the eagle?

The Ostrich and the Eagle

An example of a bird with a narrow view is an ostrich. The ostrich cannot fly at all. It always stays on the earth with its head toward the ground. An example of a bird with a broad view is the eagle. The eagle soars high above the earth and makes its nest in the mountain tops, so it can have a complete view of everything below.

God is Broad — We Should Also Be Broad

Because God’s heart is so broad, His love is for *all* people. He sends His sunshine and rain on the good people as well as the evil. Man’s heart and love are very narrow compared to God’s. If we were in control, we would only send the sunshine and rain to those people who treated us well. We would probably send darkness and drought to those who did

not respect us or treat us well. Thank God for His broad heart! Because God’s heart is so broad, it is open to people of every type. He is willing to save them all. He is called the Savior of all men. He is concerned with the whole world.

The Lord Jesus died not only for the sins of those people who will believe in Him, but also for the sins of the whole world. Though He was a Jew, He was not only concerned for the Jewish race. We should have the same kind of heart as our God, a broad heart. We should not only appreciate those who are like us. We need to have room in our heart for all people. In this way we can cooperate with God in His great plan to be the Savior of all mankind.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be broad?

2. Why is an eagle broad?

3. Why is a frog in a well narrow?

4. In what ways is God broad?

5. How can we be broad?
