

# Living Characters

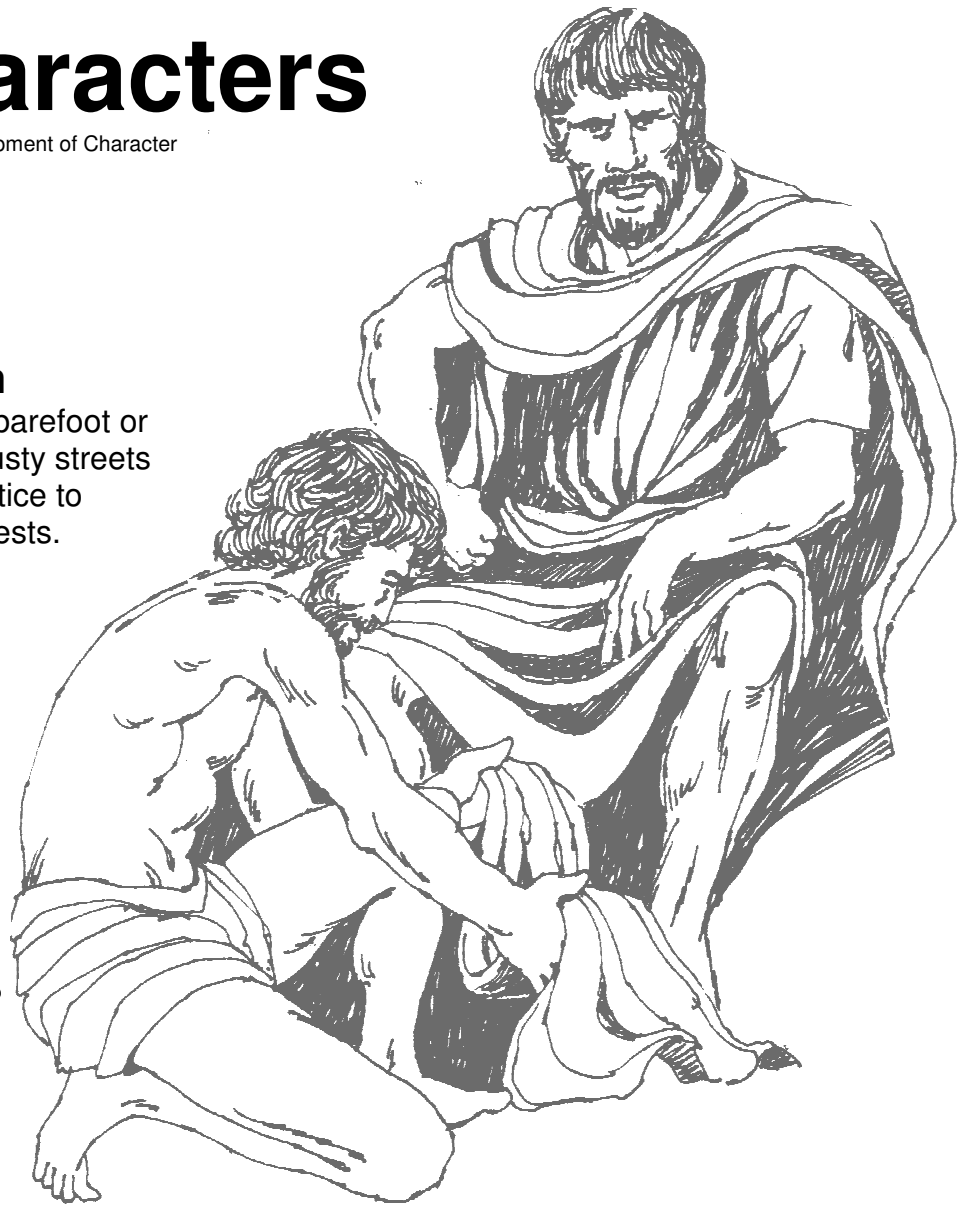
Lubbock Christian University Center for the Development of Character

## Peter

### Background Information

In the time of Jesus, people went barefoot or wore sandals and walked along dusty streets and roads. It was a common practice to have servants wash the feet of guests.

History tells us Peter was a fisherman. He reacted to things quickly and was not afraid to say what he thought. Most of the time he was the first of Jesus' friends to act or speak.



### The Story!

What did Jesus do after the meal?

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Describe the conversation between Jesus and Peter.

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After Jesus finished washing their feet, what did He say to his friends?

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What is the main **Character Word** Jesus demonstrated by washing His friend's feet?

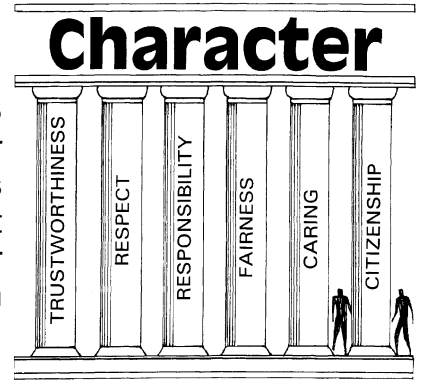
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# Six Pillars of... Character

## Understanding Values and Virtues

The Jews lived under one of the finest sources for character principles ever written. Peter and the other friends of Jesus knew the standards by which they were to live and for the most part lived up to the standards. It is exciting to look at their mistakes and successes so we can be encouraged by our own mistakes and successes.



## The Ethical Process in finding solutions to any problem.



**Think**

**Weigh** all the parts which make up the problem. Separating the symptoms from the causes.

**Investigate** the perception of the ethical dilemma. Is it based on selfishness, self-interest, self-protection or self-righteousness. (The four natural enemies to ethics.)

**Now**, is right or wrong involved? How do we determine which is involved?

**Know** your ethical vocabulary (six pillars). Review and reflect on their supporting words.

**Look** for the higher ethic or standard.

**Evaluate** the outcome. Is it truly a good character decision?

Why do you think Peter did not want Jesus to wash his feet?

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What lesson did Jesus want his followers to learn from his example?

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**Think!**  
What does this say about service?

If Jesus asked, "Do you understand what I did?" ...  
What would I say?

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What example of something someone  
did taught me a lesson on caring?

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When someone in a group (family, school, neighborhood, etc.) is  
respectful and caring, how does it make the group better?

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**Write your own  
definitions.**

**Respect**  
**Caring**

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# Part 2

Character is what I do!

# Respect

How, and to whom, will I show respect this week?

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# Caring

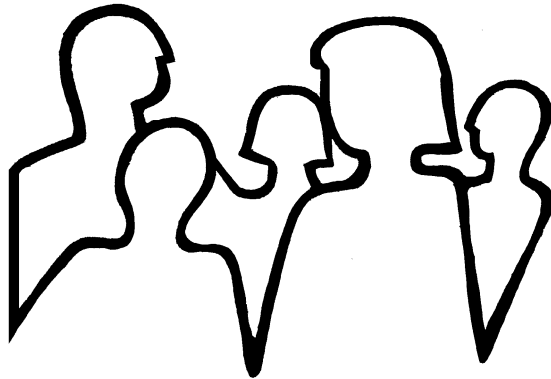
How can I demonstrate a caring attitude to my friends this week?

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## Family Time

What can I do with my family so we can demonstrate these Character Words together?

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How can I demonstrate the character words by serving my family this week?

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