

Accepted!



Declaring God's Word (Day 165)
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I like the way the King James Version translates Ephesians 1:6, because of one word in particular: "accepted."

> "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved" (KJV)

Again, when God says we are accepted, it does not mean we are just tolerated. It means we are much favored. We are the objects of His particular, loving care and attention. We are number one on His list of things to take care of in the universe. He does not push us off in a corner and say, "Wait, I'm busy," or "I don't have time for you now," or "Don't make a noise; Daddy is sleeping." He says, "I'm interested in you. I want you. You're welcome. Come in; I've been waiting a long time for you."

It is like the father in the story of the prodigal son. He was out there looking for the boy to come home. Others did not have to say, "You know, your son is coming home." The first one to know it was the father. He knew it before all the rest of the family. God's attitude to us in Christ is like that. We are not rejects. We are not second-class citizens. And we are not servants.

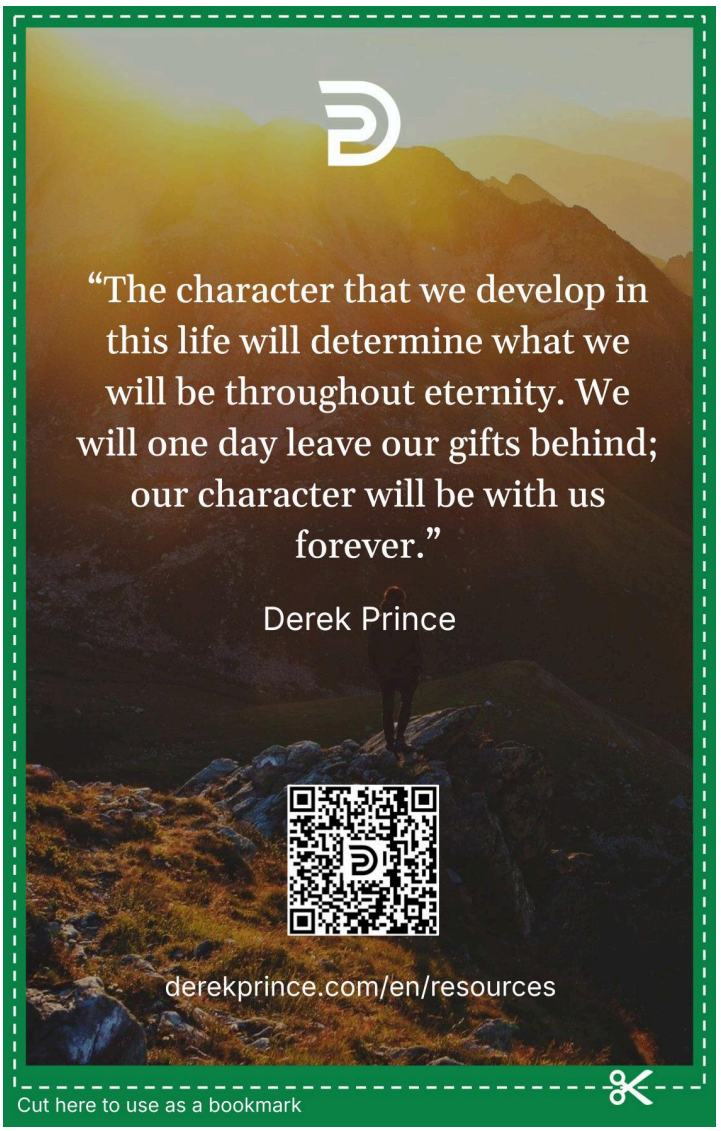
When the prodigal came back, he was willing to be a servant. He said, "Father, just make me one of your hired servants." But if you read the story carefully, you will notice that when the son confessed his sins, his father interrupted him — he didn't allow him to finish speaking. He never allowed him to say, "Make me as one of your hired servants." On the contrary, he said:

> "Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found" (Luke 15:22–24)

Praise God!

Devotional

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