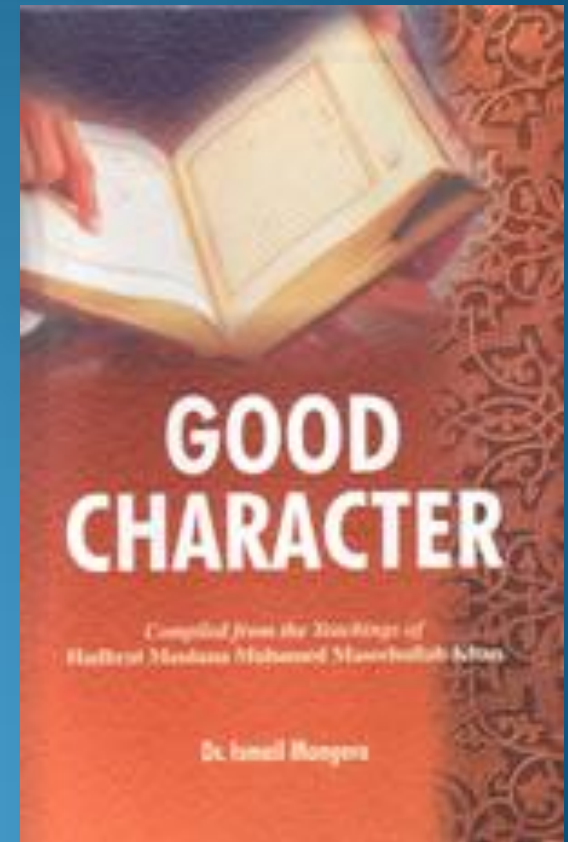


Character Education

A. Reed, Nov. 15

Character Education is the teaching of traits that will help an individual develop into a moral, civic, good mannered, healthy, successful being.



6 Pillars of Character

TRUSTWORTHINESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

FAIRNESS

CARING

CITIZENSHIP

Positive Character Traits Include...

- aspiring, ambitious
- motivated
- considerate, thoughtful
- cooperative
- courteous
- courageous
- enthusiastic
- forgiving
- focused
- generous
- hardworking
- humble
- modest
- mature
- kind
- interested
- reliable
- selfless
- responsive
- sympathetic
- unselfish
- thoughtful

Benefits of Having Good Character

- Success
- Stronger relationships with yourself and other individuals
- Confidence, esteem, self-respect
- Admiration, trust, and respect from others

Negative Character Traits Include...

- rebellious
- unmotivated
- uncaring
- inconsiderate
- uncooperative
- rude, impolite
- controlling
- selfish
- unappreciative
- dishonest, deceiving
- arrogant
- blames others
- undisciplined
- self-centered, conceited
- insensitive
- unsympathetic
- disorderly
- mistrusting
- jealous
- small-minded
- pessimistic

Disadvantages of Bad Character

- being condemned, or blamed, more often than not
- gaining a bad **reputation**



↳ noun

- a person's character as judged by other people; a publicly recognized perception of an individual

it's all about character

Watch your thoughts;
they become words.

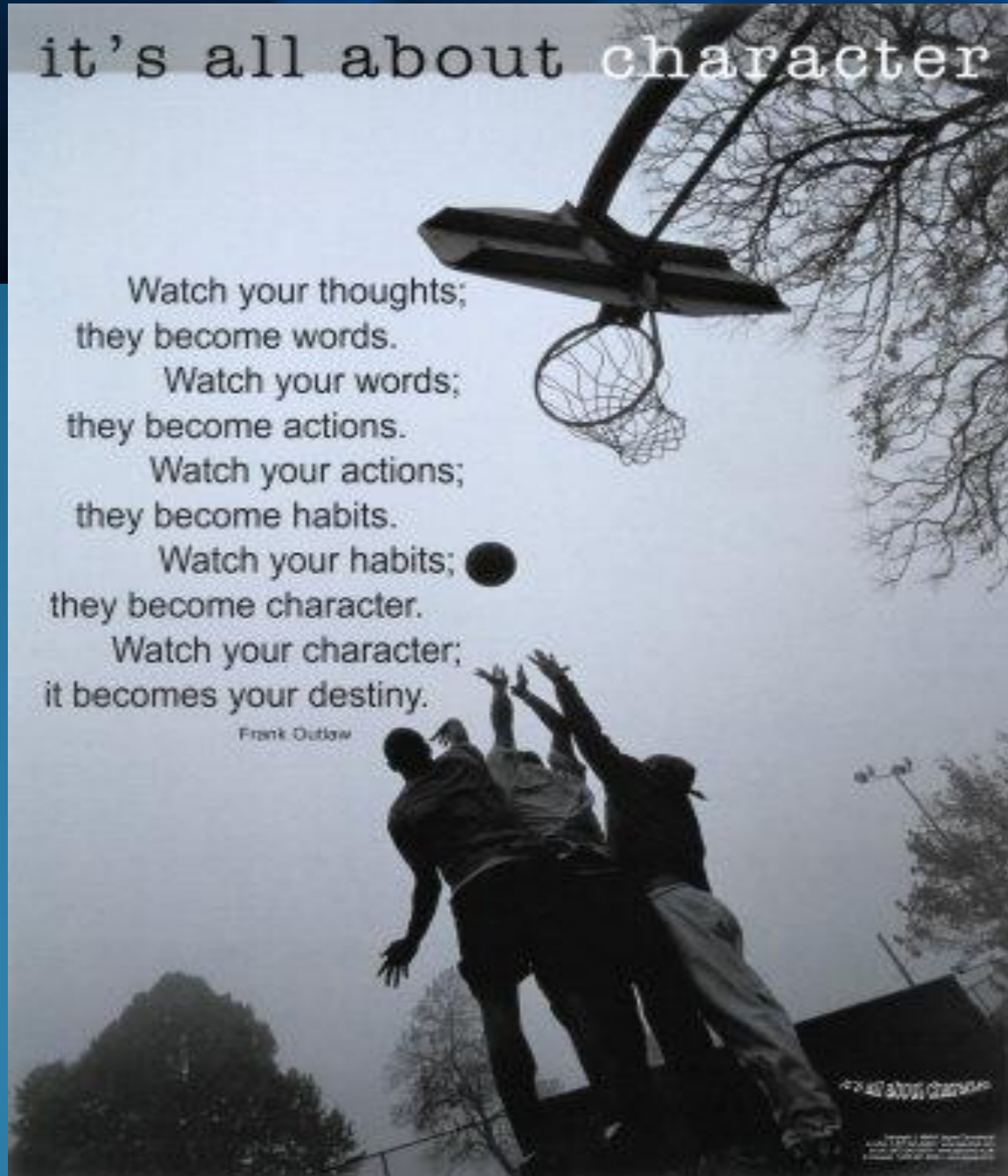
Watch your words;
they become actions.

Watch your actions;
they become habits.

Watch your habits; ●
they become character.

Watch your character;
it becomes your destiny.

Frank Outlaw



“We are accountable only to ourselves for what happens in our lives.”

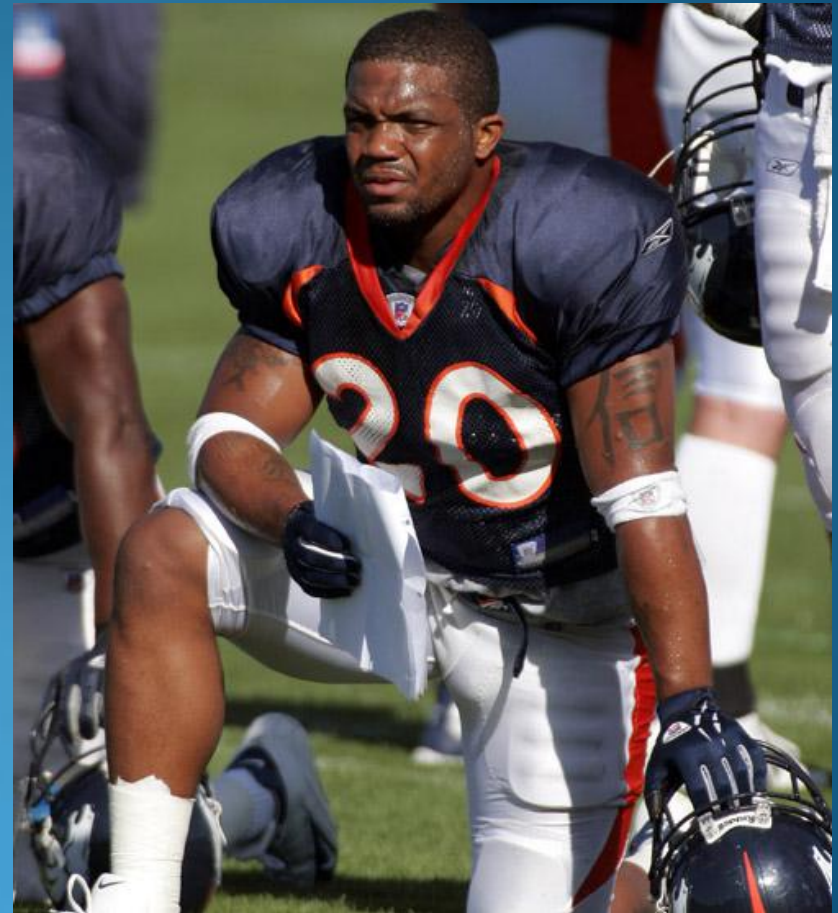
- *Mildred Newman*

Maurice Clarett



- As a freshman, he was the star running back for the National Champion Ohio State Buckeyes in 2002
- In 2003, his sophomore year, he got kicked off the team for getting in trouble with the law
- In 2004 Clarett sued the NFL to fight the NFL draft age limit and lost

- In 2005 he was eligible to enter the NFL draft and was drafted by the Denver Broncos; final pick of the 3rd round
- Due to bad character and poor work ethic, Clarett was cut before the season even started
- In 2006, he was arrested in January and August for two separate crimes



- <http://sports.espn.go.com/videohub/video/video?id=5732686>

During his stay in prison, Clarett transformed from a person with bad character to a person with good character.



Ten Things to Keep in Mind

Posted in Daily Thoughts on May 8, 2009 by Maurice Clarett

1. Beware of fools who glorify ignorance.
2. Stay a thousand miles away from people who gossip and spend all the hours of their days talking down on others.
3. Remember that your biggest enemy is you.
4. Surround yourself with others attempting to change their lives for the better.

THE MIND OF MAURICE CLARETT

Hmm...Just Thinking

Posted in [Daily Thoughts](#) on August 15, 2009 by Maurice Clarett

One thing that really frustrates me is that I have not been relevant to my family for the past four summers. That puts a chip on my shoulder. I have no one to blame but myself. The thoughts just put me in a zone like no other. It puts me in my "One and only" mode. I know that there is no way for me to make up for lost time but hopefully my actions in the future will help them to forget all that's taken place in the past. I never thought I'd once again be in the position of thinking how am I going to get out of this rut. I think that the longer I wait the more serious I become. I think it's because I have a good understanding on what it means to be physically free.

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One thing I know is that in due time everyone and everything gets

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5. Steer clear of people who are into themselves. Selfish mind states are destructive.

6. Respect those that respect education.

7. Focus on improving your vocabulary because it improves the quality of your living and it allows you to express yourself accurately.

8. Remember that our physical actions are nothing more than a recording of what's going on in our mind. So in saying that; be sure to control what's going on in the mind so you can control your life at all times. Don't let your emotions direct your life. Emotions are nothing more than temporary illusions.

9. Stand up every time you fall.

10. It is not good to connect yourself with the irresponsible and undisciplined. Life is to be respected.

Transcending Ignorance and Supporting Humane Living

Life is full of manifested thoughts both consciously and unconsciously. Through my personal success and failures I've had a chance to identify what characteristics are needed in the most adverse conditions. I've come to realize that the man does not create the circumstances in his life. He only reveals what is inside of him as circumstance and opportunity change. I accept responsibility for all my actions in the past and for the actions I will take in the future. It is a personal mission of mine to share my life experiences with others on this blog/website. I will give insight to others about some of the challenges I've had and hope to enlighten others so that they will be able to guide themselves better and transcend ignorance. The defects in my character landed me in the position I'm in today. If it wasn't for family, friends, and self-education I'd probably still be suffering innately. I suffer no more because I make the conscious choice not to. I now apply my actions in a humane manner more times than not. I now realize that in order to evolve in life, one must stay rooted in character and apply themselves consistently to whatever bottom line they've created for them and their family. You must have integrity in the face of adversity and exercise self control when others are out of control. My moral compass has been guiding me throughout this current experience. It is my hopes that someone will pull something out of here to help them get through their daily living.

The End

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