Who Would You Be?

A study of bible characters can be one of the most interesting, inspirational, and beneficial efforts in the pursuit of scriptural knowledge. The vast number of individual personalities described in both the Old and New Testaments can supply years of fascinating learning experiences. As we study the selected character, one cannot help but compare oneself to actions and responses of the character studied. We may even ask ourselves, "If I were a bible character, which one would I be?" Would I be described as one of the champions of faith found in Hebrews 11, or some other person who struggled with a weak faith?

We think of Abraham, Moses, Ruth, David, John the Baptist, Priscilla, or the Apostle Paul as heroes of the bible narrative and would never dare compare ourselves to them. Yet each of them possessed the same human weaknesses and faced temptations just as we do. They made mistakes, disappointed their friends, family and their God. It's likely that we relate more to those characters who possessed a "not-so-perfect" record and were scolded for their missteps. Simon the wizard, from Acts chapter 8 or Simon Peter (Galatians 2:11ff) come to mind. Even though the bible is now complete (Jude 3) and the stories of these mentioned are forever sealed, our stories are being written as we live and breathe. "*And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.*" (*Revelation 20:12*)

Even though my personality is flawed and filled with imperfections, the pursuit of my faith opens the doors of God's grace (*Ephesians 2:8-10*) and is received upon obedience to the gospel message (*Romans 1:16*). The good news of Jesus Christ is offered freely, not only to a select group of good people, but to "*all men everywhere*" (*Acts 17:30*).

"*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men*" (*Titus 2:11*)

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