

New Life Christian Fellowship

1. Most of us like to think we are of good character. How do we assess character?

Recently a speaker talked of character being formed deep inside each of us, through our experiences, hopes and dreams.

Maintaining good character is hard. Peer pressure can affect our choices; standing up for what is right might make us unpopular.

Maybe inside we have deep secrets, dark places where we are ashamed.

The good news is positive results can come from dark times. Coal lies underground, subjected to stresses and pressures for years before it is formed. Similarly, God can use our stresses, pressures and weaknesses to refine us and make us like coal: hard wearing, beautiful, generating much power; perhaps even forming the occasional diamond.

Like coal, the more stressful our experiences, the stronger we become. All we need to do is take the vital step involved in recognising God's authority in our life, allowing him to direct our plans.

Does this sound too hard? Do not be discouraged. Turn to God and confess your secrets. Ask for God's help and you will discover the very power needed to overcome difficulties. God faithfully promises to help those who turn to him, he never fails in this promise.

Try it. If coal is amazing, how much more amazing are we to God who made us, knows us and loves us?

If you want someone to talk to or would like us to pray for you call: 01834 812839 / 01834 831533. New Life Christian Fellowship meet at Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays, all are welcome.