

Why do some people have good character and others have bad character? Where does it come from?

People groups have differing characteristics as described in Genesis chapter 49.

Henry Morris wrote:

One of the most fascinating and most difficult portions of Genesis is chapter 49, in which Jacob gives his last words concerning his sons and the twelve tribes that would descend from them. This valedictory of Jacob can be considered as both a blessing and guide for his sons themselves and a prophecy concerning future developments in the nation, extending all the way to “the last days.” In some respects it is like the prophecy of Noah concerning his three sons (Genesis 9:24–27), stemming from the actual behavior and character of his sons and yet also outlining the general future of the three streams of nations of which they were to become forebears. Both in terms of genetic theory and of the course of history, it is true that each distinctive population group—nation, tribe, and so on—tends to manifest a particular character of its own (industrious or slothful, puritanical or licentious, peaceful or aggressive, philosophical or mechanical), and that this character is the product of its history and, ultimately, of its original founders...¹

Adam was made perfect (Ge 1:31); but, he sinned (Ge 3:1-24). Men born today in Adam today are sinners by birth (Jn 3:6) and by their own action or inaction (Jas 4:17). Men are without excuse (Ro 1:20) because they have: an internal testimony (Ro 2:15), an external testimony (Ps 19:1) and the scriptures (Jas 1:18). No one is good (Ro 3:9-20). All must repent before the Lord (Ac 2:37, 38).

In these last days the love of many has grown cold (Mt 24:12). Evil men go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived (2 Ti 3:13). All kinds of evils are rooted in the love of money (1 Ti 6:10).

But take heart. The Lord will fulfill his word (Jn 14:3). All things which are wrong will be made right (Is 61:3) because he is good (Ps. 31:19) and just (Deut. 32:4).

¹ Morris, H. M. (1976). *The Genesis record: a scientific and devotional commentary on the book of beginnings* (p. 650). Baker Books.