

# LivingCharacters

Lubbock Christian University Center for Character Development

## Ruth

### Background Information

This story happened during the time of the judges of Israel. Because of a famine, one of the men of Israel took his family to live in the land of Moab. His sons married girls from Moab. One of these young women was Ruth. Normally the Moabites were enemies of the Israelites.

When we see the way the young woman from Moab (Ruth) treated her Israelite mother-in-law we can see that good character is found in all cultures.

Who was Ruth's mother-in-law?

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What happened to Ruth's husband?

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What did Naomi decide to do after her husband died?

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What did Ruth tell Naomi when Naomi asked her to go back to her family?

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# Six Pillars of...

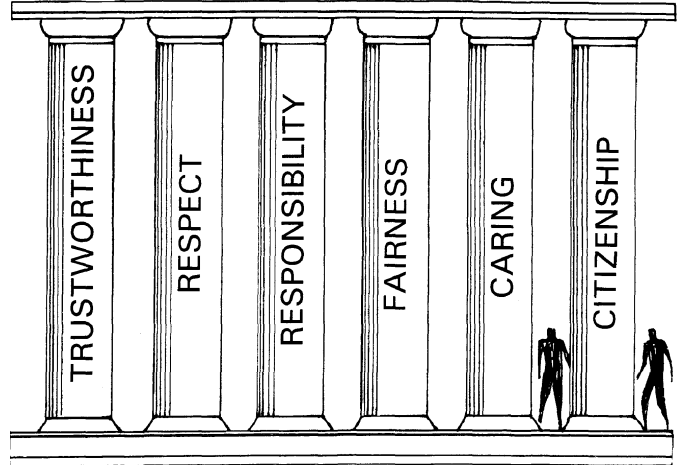
## Understanding Values and Virtues

In the beginning, God created everything. But He did not leave his new creation without principles to live by. Even when

nations were not what they should have been, people in those nations were people of Character.

We can learn a lot by studying people of all nations

# Character



The **Ethical Process** in finding solutions to any problem.

**Think**

**Weigh** all the parts which make up the problem. Separating the symptoms from the causes.

**Investigate** the perception of the ethical dilemma. Is it based on selfishness, self-interest, self-protection or self-righteousness? (The four natural enemies to ethics.)

**Now**, is right or wrong involved? How do we determine which is involved?

**Know** your ethical vocabulary (six pillars). Review and reflect on their supporting words.

**Look** for the higher ethic or standard.

**Evaluate** the outcome. Is it truly a good character decision?

**What did Ruth do to help her mother-in-law?**

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**What Character Words did Ruth demonstrate by helping her mother-in-law?**

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**How do we know Naomi had good character?**

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**Answer the questions and give the Character Word that applies to each answer.**

Why did Boaz help Ruth?

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What did he do to help Ruth?

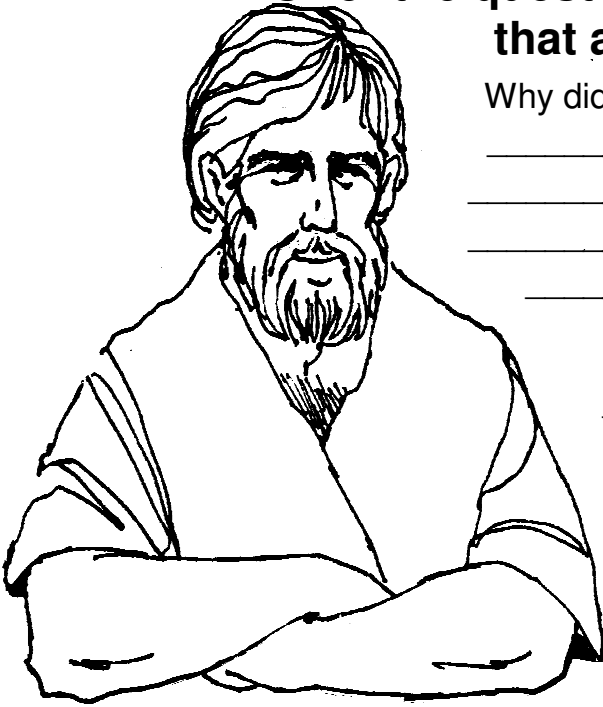
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**Personal Character Quiz**

True False

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. My circumstances determine my character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. My race, height, weight, religion, talent and age determine my character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If I am a person of good character people will know.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. If I am not treated well, I am not a person of good character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. I tell people of my character, so they will know I have character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. I must pay a price for my good character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Good things will always happen to me because I have good character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. It is easy to be a person of good character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. I use my good character to get what I want.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Most people are people of good character.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Good character is important to most people.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. I can be a person of good character part of the time.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. I can decide what is good character.

**Only two of these answers can be either true or false depending on the circumstances.**

# My Diary

How have I been like Ruth this week?

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How have I been like Boaz this week?

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# Discovery

What can I do to improve my character next week?

Trustworthiness

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Respect

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Responsibility

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Fairness

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Caring

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Citizenship

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