

# Message



***"Are We on Solid Ground?"***

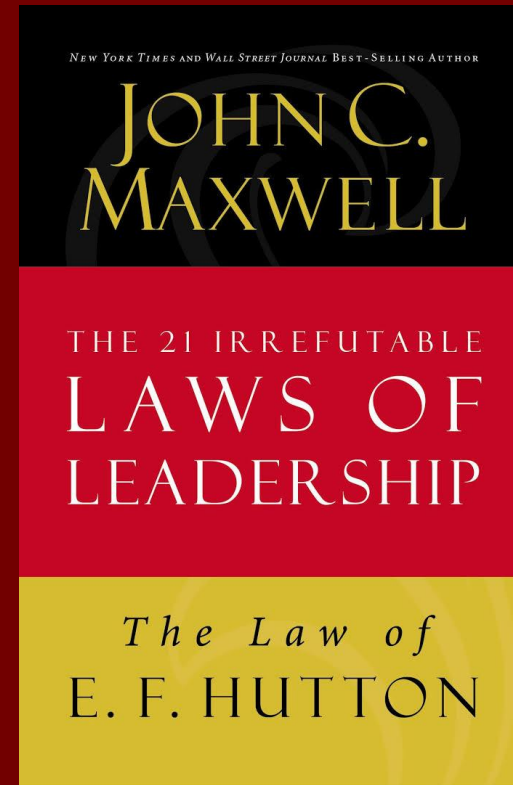
***Neal Parker***

# Trust is the Foundation of Leadership



# The Law of Sound Ground

- **The Law of Sound Ground: Trust is the foundation of leadership**
  - Consistently exemplify competence, connection and character
  - Character makes trust possible.
  - Trust makes leadership possible



# What Does The Bible Say About Our Character?

## ■ **Philippians 2:12-13**

- **Obedience in absence and presence**
- **Work Out Salvation / Fear & Trembling**
- **God is at work / Desire & Action**

## ■ **"...Work Out Your Salvation..."**

- **Work it out to the finish**
- **Salvation expresses itself in an ongoing process**

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**“You don’t build trust by talking about it. You build it by achieving results, always with integrity and in a manner that shows real personal regard for the people with whom you work.”**



**- Craig Weatherup  
CEO of Pepsi Bottling Company**

# Our Name / Our Character

## ■ Proverbs 22:1

– Good Name's value is recognized

■ Proverbs 3:4; 10:17

– Similar to the value of wisdom

■ Proverbs 3:14; 16:16

## ■ "Name" translated from Hebrew word *"Sheem"*

– Designates something as a mark or memorial of individually.

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**“Leadership is a potent combination of strategy and character. But if you must be without one, be without strategy.”**



**- Norman Schwarzkopf  
U.S. Army General**

# What is Righteousness?



- ❖ **Acting in accord with divine or moral law; free from guilt or sin**
- ❖ **Morally right or justifiable**

# Righteous Character / Fine Ointment

- **Ecclesiastes 7:1-8**

- Fine ointment

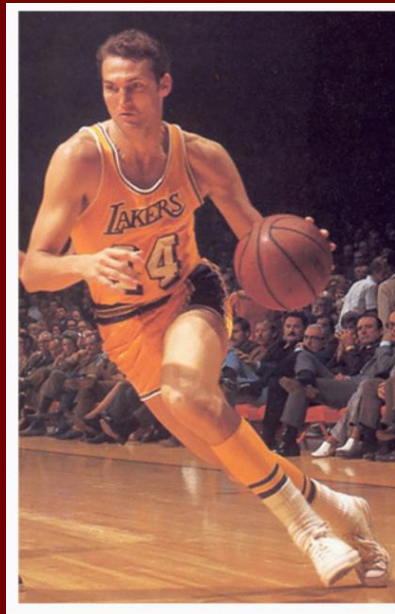
- **Medicine that combats illness of a carnal human mind / enmity against God; Romans 8:7**

- **Psalms 57:7 & Psalm 108:1**

- “Steadfast” / Secure Feeling.

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**“You can’t get too much done in life if you only work on the days when you feel good.”**



**Jerry West**  
**NBA Hall of Fame**

# Light / Darkness & Our Character

## ■ Psalm 112:4-9

– Light in darkness

- Gracious / Compassionate / Righteous
- Affairs conducted with justice

– Steadfastness

■ Righteous remembered forever

\* Enduring memorial of honor in  
memory of God and man

\* Trust and obedience sum of Godliness

# What is Character?

**“Character is simply habits long continued.”**

**-Lucius Plutarchus  
Greek Historian**



# What is Righteous Character?

- **Habitually, acting in accordance with divine or moral law.**
- **Consistently, acting in morally right or ways that are justified by divine or moral law.**



# Time for Judgment

- **I Peter 4:14-19**

– **Persecutions / Purification / Judgment**



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