

## Ten More Characteristics of God's Champions

11. God's champions are ordered and disciplined. They seek out any disorderly or lazy habits and diligently work to eliminate them. They replace them with championship habits. Losers don't understand or care enough to do this.
12. God's champions make it a priority to respect and honor those whom they serve. They make it a priority to never disrespect them. It's an issue of personal integrity and spiritual growth. Respecting those they serve will release God's champions to unlimited potential. Losers disrespect those they serve, and they box themselves into a limited future and lose a great measure of potential.
13. God's champions make it a personal priority to respect those who serve them. Any other pattern comes from pride and must be dealt with and eliminated. Losers fail to do this and box themselves into a limited future. They won't achieve their destinies.
14. God's champions refuse to be denied their next level of success and significance. To get there, they change who they are by growing into who they can become. At the same time, they change what they do by applying biblical patterns of God-pleasing action to their lives and ministries. Losers fail to see the value of this and stay with the old patterns that will keep them from reaching the next level.
15. God's champions are calendar people. They plan ahead and make it a pattern of life to give priority to their calendar commitments. This helps them walk in integrity. Losers are too lazy to see the value of a calendar and forget, disappoint and waste the valuable time of others. Often, losers don't even see how this damages them.
16. God's champions are single minded in their pursuit of God. Because of this, they are stable in all of their ways. Losers do not get past the instability of their own weaknesses, which comes from pursuing goals that ignore God and leave Him out.
17. God's champions are listeners first. They understand this is the first choice in any opportunity to communicate with someone. God's champion does this by listening until speaking becomes an opportunity to deliver grace and truth. When feelings of anger rise up, God's champions restrains their anger, taking it captive and then dealing with it. (James 1:8; James 1:19; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5)
18. God's champions are peace multipliers. It's in the presence of God's champions that the peace of God is released and increased. This happens because God's champions are filled with discernment and biblical wisdom. Losers release confusion, doubt and foolishness, thus decreasing peace. Losers are peace dividers, not peace multipliers.
19. God's champions discipline themselves to immediately look for guidance and understanding from the Holy Spirit when confronted with an issue or problem... and especially when presented with an opportunity. They understand the value of being led by the Spirit of God. Losers are carnally minded and therefore, cannot please God (Romans 8:5-8).
20. God's champions are authentic in their representation of Christ. They ask whether their presence and opportunities to influence others are authentically displaying a heart of a compassionate servant and championship warrior in God's army. They are winners because they refuse to be anything less than "more than conquerors, through Him who loved us." (Romans 8:37).

