

*Character*  
*Have a Good ^ Day!*



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*From Our Family*

**How We Function:**



Governor and Mrs. Sonny  
Perdue of Georgia

In 1999 the legislature of Georgia passed HR 581, voting to become a Character State and encouraging the development of universally recognized character qualities.

## From the Governor of Georgia

Our nation will be only as strong as our families, and our families will be only as strong as the parents who lead them by following our heavenly Father's example and sharing His love. This is the goal and the program of character families.

I am pleased that this family has chosen to achieve this objective. The journey is not always easy and it is life-long. There will be continual challenges to face but each one can be turned into a character classroom. The fellowship and achievements along the way make this a valuable objective for every family to follow.

Sincerely,  
Governor Sonny Purdue

## From the Mayor of Little Rock

When I learned about the powerful results that come from dads writing precise letters to their sons and daughters, I was convicted. I have regularly told my children how much I love them, but I had never written them a letter that would give valuable direction for their lives.

This is why I organized a special dinner meeting with our leaders so that we could learn how to strengthen father-teen relationships and build stronger families for our city. I would encourage every mayor and every father to learn how to carry out this life-changing program.

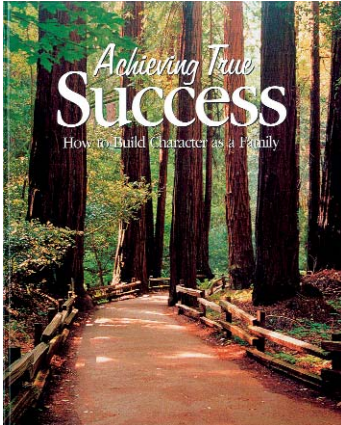
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On September 14, 2006, Mayor Dailey initiated a special dinner for city leaders in which the program of dads writing letters to family members was introduced and encouraged.

# The First Character Family!



A beautifully illustrated book about 49 character qualities.



After Georgia passed a resolution to become a Character State, the Larios family decided to become the first Character Family. They described their experiences in the back of *Achieving True Success*, which also explains each of the character qualities and has been used by mayors in U.S. cities and other nations to encourage character.

# Forty-Nine Character Qualities

## That Demonstrate Genuine Love

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|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Alertness      | 18. Enthusiasm   | 35. Patience        |
| 2. Attentiveness  | 19. Faith        | 36. Persuasiveness  |
| 3. Availability   | 20. Flexibility  | 37. Punctuality     |
| 4. Benevolence    | 21. Forgiveness  | 38. Resourcefulness |
| 5. Boldness       | 22. Generosity   | 39. Responsibility  |
| 6. Cautiousness   | 23. Gentleness   | 40. Security        |
| 7. Compassion     | 24. Gratefulness | 41. Self-Control    |
| 8. Contentment    | 25. Honor        | 42. Sensitivity     |
| 9. Creativity     | 26. Hospitality  | 43. Sincerity       |
| 10. Decisiveness  | 27. Humility     | 44. Thoroughness    |
| 11. Deference     | 28. Initiative   | 45. Thriftiness     |
| 12. Dependability | 29. Joyfulness   | 46. Tolerance       |
| 13. Determination | 30. Justice      | 47. Truthfulness    |
| 14. Diligence     | 31. Loyalty      | 48. Virtue          |
| 15. Discernment   | 32. Meekness     | 49. Wisdom          |
| 16. Discretion    | 33. Obedience    |                     |
| 17. Endurance     | 34. Orderliness  |                     |

Each quality is a by-product of living out forty-nine commands of love that were taught by Jesus Christ.



In 1965 Bill Gothard taught a 30-hour Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar to 45 students as a college course. The next year 120 students registered. The next year 10,000 attended. The following year there were 50,000 attendees.

By 1972 a third of a million people were filling coliseums by word of mouth recommendation. Why was this seminar so successful? Because it explained the 49 love commands of Jesus and the resulting character qualities.

## *Our Journey Began . . .*

. . . When we attended our first Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar. It explained why there are problems in marriages, families, finances, and health; and it gave practical steps to solve them.

If you would like information about this seminar, we would be happy to speak with you.

**Hi!** My name is *Ken*.

**I am the father of this family.**

My number one objective is to love and protect each one of my family members. I have learned that this begins by listening to their hearts and understanding the needs each one has.

I have found a very helpful tool to achieve this: asking fifteen questions in a private conference. This has resulted in a time of bonding with each family member.

If you would like a copy of this material, I would be pleased to get it to you. You can either e-mail me at [ken@kenpierpont.com](mailto:ken@kenpierpont.com), or visit our family Web site, [www.kenpierpont.com](http://www.kenpierpont.com).



Ken Pierpont



Lois Pierpont

**Hi!** My name is *Lois*.

**I am the mother of this family.**

I get to see the daily interaction of character training. When character qualities are evident in our children, we praise them. When qualities are not so evident or lacking, we have asked God to bless each family member with the needed qualities.

We have discovered that by doing this we actually impart to our family members the power to achieve the needed qualities.

My biggest challenge is to remember to bless rather than react with my own natural inclinations.

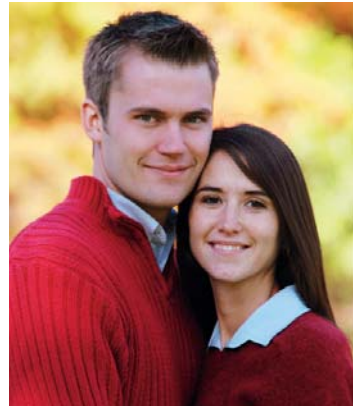
**Hi!** My name is *Kyle*.

**I'm the oldest member of the family.**

I saw character exhibited in my parents, even when they went through difficult experiences. This motivated me to honor them, especially in the choice of a marriage partner.

If I had married the girl I first chose, I would have missed the wonderful wife that I now have.

Demonstrating the quality of honoring my father and mother did not come easy for me. It involved months of struggle and turmoil, but I will be grateful forever for learning it and applying it to my life.



Kyle and Elizabeth Pierpont



Holly Pierpont

**Hi!** My name is *Holly*.

**I am the oldest daughter.**

When I was ten years old I began having deep depression. I did everything I could think of, but I was afraid to tell my parents. When I finally told them, they began to cry out in prayer for me. I remember hearing them in the night, weeping and praying for me. Along with that, they gave me an assignment that strengthened my faith. Now I am twenty-two and yes, I'm still at home, very happy, and filled with joy.

A number of young men have expressed an interest in marriage, but I purposed to get God's best. Without the counsel and guidance of my parents I know that today I would be having major marriage problems. I would love to share my story with any girl who is wondering if she has met the right one. You can contact me at [ken@kenpierpont.com](mailto:ken@kenpierpont.com).

Hi! My name is *Charles*.

**I am the second-oldest son.**

Since I am the secondborn son, I have had to face the challenges of living in my older brother's shadow. I love him very much, but I have often felt that my parents have unfavorably compared me to him. This has been hard, but it has forced me to learn the command to honor others more than myself and to be a servant to all.

There are three "secrets" that have helped me learn how to do this, and I would love to share them with you. You can reach me at [ken@kenpierpont.com](mailto:ken@kenpierpont.com).



Charles Pierpont



Heidi Pierpont

**Hi!** My name is *Heidi*.

**I am the secondborn daughter.**

This gives me the same challenges as my brother, Chuck, only with a girl there are even more issues to deal with, such as sharing clothes and not being able to express myself as articulately as my older sister. Sometimes this causes me to wonder whether my dad has the same love for me as he does for her.

The secondborn needs greater attention than the firstborn. I am learning how to find my true fulfillment in the Lord so that I can be a channel of His love to each one in my family and others.

There is a Journey to the Heart program that teaches how to do this. If you are interested, send us an e-mail, and I can tell you more about it.

Hi! My name is *Hannah*.

**I am the thirdborn daughter.**

Us “thirdborns” tend to be independent, sociable, and persuasive. I am almost seventeen and I am learning the home-making skills that allow me to fulfill Christ’s command to show hospitality to the poor and needy.

I like to make new friends. If you would like some of my favorite recipes, let me know, and I will share them with you.



Hannah Pierpont



Daniel Pierpont

Hi! My name is *Daniel*.

I am fifteen.

About a year ago, I found my purpose in life—to be a missionary pilot.

This has given me a reason for everything I do, such as getting up early in the morning, studying the Scriptures, learning mathematics, cleaning my room, and developing other skills and disciplines in my life.

A little booklet called *Life Purpose Planning* really helped me, and I would be happy to send you a copy of it.

**Hi!** My name is *Wesley*.

**I am the fourthborn son.**

I love to see what happens when I show that I love someone by giving to them.

I always try to give a gift, even if it is small. It makes me feel loved and it lets me express love to other people.

My family gives me a lot of encouragement when I show generosity.



Wesley Pierpont



Hope Pierpont

Hi! My name is *Hope*.

I'm the youngest member of our family.

I share a room with my sister, Holly. She didn't appreciate the way I kept my room.

Actually, it was pretty messy most of the time. She tried every way she knew to get me to be neat, but nothing worked.

Then one day I had a sudden desire to get organized. It has become a new habit. I later learned that Holly had been asking God to bless me with the qualities of neatness, orderliness, and cleanliness. It worked!