

# Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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## **Character**

This past week on Talk Radio, all the listeners heard about Greg Hardy, the newest player signed by the Dallas Cowboys – 6.6” tall, 275lbs., runs like a deer and has the strength of linemen twice his size. But he has a “slight” character flaw – he was convicted of domestic violence. But the Cowboys signed him anyway, giving him a one year, \$11,000,000 deal.

Billions of dollars are spent on improving every area of our lives – but there nothing spent for improving character. Why? Because there’s no money to be made...plain and simple.

The lack of character in someone else will bother you more than your own lack of character.

Accomplishments take priority over character.

**Character: the will to do what God says is right, no matter what the cost.**

There are two things with which we need to agree ...

1-there is a standard of right and wrong, outside of us...

2-we have to develop the will to follow the standard...

Lack of character will always show up in your relationships.

Illus.: A car with no oil – the parts that are designed and made for each other will eventually destroy each other. In this illustration, character is the oil in this relationship.

Marriage – when two people know they are made for each other...if character is missing in one or both partners, the relationship will fail.

Companies – if the owner is lacking character, this will trickle down to all employees.

**Proverbs 11:1-3 *1The Lord abhors* (abhors-gut wrenching hatred) *dishonest scales but accurate weights are his delight.***

God can't stand it when someone acts dishonest towards someone else.

God gets excited when He sees a man or woman of character who even if they can get away with it, they do what is right.

**2 *When Pride comes then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.***

Everybody wants to be wise...in relationships, finances – we all want to make wise choices.

Humility – focusing on who God is and who I am, related to God.

**3 *The integrity of the upright guides them but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.***

The number one question people ask a Pastor is – “how do I know what God wants me to do?”

Focus on your character and God will guide you in the right direction.  
Men and women of character don't struggle to make decisions.

Prayer:

***LORD, give me wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do what is right.***

Start praying this prayer and you will see God show up in areas of your life you never even thought about before....

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***March 28 – The first RHCC Playday – sign up at 8am, Exhibitions at 9am, Playday starts at 11am.***

***April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service – 7am at the Cross  
Easter Breakfast – 9am at the Church  
Easter Egg Hunt – After church services***