



## Module 2– Character Development Theory- Handout

### Domains of Character

**COGNITIVE (Intellectual) - The “Head”**

- Define and recognize the traits associated with good character
- Evaluate options in terms of the principles of the Six Pillars
- Predict and understand the likely consequences of their choices

**AFFECTIVE (Emotional) - The “Heart” – Inspires the desire to be a person of character.**

- Be a good person
- Do the right thing

**BEHAVIORAL (Conduct) - The “Habits – Makes our ethical behavior become automatic.**

- Honesty
- Respectfulness
- Kindness

#### Definitions

*Good Character* – A person who because he knows the difference between right and wrong, and strives to do what is right for the right reasons.

*Conscience* – The inner voice that warns us someone may be watching.

*Reputations* – What people think we are.

*Values* – Ideas, beliefs and desires that shape the formation of goals, motivate actions and

establish criteria for evaluating decisions and conduct.

*Stated Values* – What we say we value and the level of importance we say we attach to the value.

*Operational Values* – What we actually value as revealed by our actions and how we make decisions and resolve conflicts among competing values.

*Ethical Values* – Beliefs about what is right and good based on moral duty and virtue; beliefs about what traits of character and ways of being are morally right and good.

*Nonethical Values* – Beliefs about what is desirable or pleasurable without reference to the moral codes. Ethically neutral.

*Ethics* – About right and wrong and how an honorable person should behave.

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