

Living an Excellent Life
Icebergs
Luke 6:44-45

The great ship, the Titanic, received five iceberg warnings just before it was struck. When the 6th message came during the wee hours of the morning, "Look out for icebergs", the Titanic operator wired back, "Shut-up! I'm busy!" Thirty minutes later the great vessel, whose captain said, "Even God couldn't sink this ship", was sinking fast. What happened? They forgot the truth about icebergs. What they saw above water could not sink a great ship, but unfortunately most of an iceberg is below water.

Icebergs are like life. The 10% above water is our reputation.
The 90% that people can't see is our character.

The two main questions are: 1. What is happening below the surface that nobody can see? and 2. What are the steps that create great character?

I. _____ = the ability to do what is right, even when we don't feel like it.

A. It is a _____ matter.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. Keeping the channel _____ with the Lord.

II. _____ = principles you live by in spite of the pressures around you.

A. Proverbs 24:10

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

III. _____ of _____ = a self image based on not who others say you are, but who God says you are.

A. Can you answer the question, "Who are you?"

1. Not your _____.
2. _____.
3. Not your _____.
4. In Christ we are _____.

IV. _____ = the capacity to be emotionally stable and consistent.

A. Your life's greatest impact comes from _____ you are.

1. _____ out under pressure.
2. Realized by _____.
3. _____ by storms.
4. _____ the test of time.

Conclusion

1. The trees of our desert cannot _____ on their own.
2. Without consistent nurture, the icebergs of life will _____ us.
3. The Lord prioritizes taking care of the inside, our _____, because that will determine what takes place on the outside, our _____.