

Ten Character Traits Of Elijah

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A. Ten Character Traits of Elijah (1 Kings 17 – 18; Lk 1:15–17)

1. Elijah heard God, was led by God, and obeyed God (1 Kings 17:2,5, 18:1–2).
2. He carried the prophetic mantle — He prophesied and spoke the heart of God.
3. He carried the authority and power of God (1 Kings 17:22, 18:36–38).
4. He was radical and wholehearted for God — the name “Elijah” means “*Yehovah is my God*”.
5. He was not defined by the culture/values of this world, but by the values and culture of the Word of God (1 Kings 17:17–18).
 - a. Elijah was not influenced by the culture of this world; he was counterculture.
 - b. He was a troubler to the ungodly, but a salt and light of God to the world.
6. He was bold and courageous — He confronted 450 prophets of Baal and another 400 prophets of Asherah (1 Kings 18:19).
7. He brought forth restoration and reformation (1 Kings 18:21,30).
8. He changed the course of the people of God and the nation of Israel.
 - a. He confronted wickedness and darkness;
 - b. He called the people of God back to their God (1 Kings 18:39–40).
9. He was a man of faith and a man prayer (1 Kings 18:41–45; Jas 5:17).
10. He walked in deep intimacy with God (1 Kings 17:1; Zech 4:14).