

A Christian Theological Review on Character and Spiritual Transformation

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ABSTRACT

Character and spiritual transformation aims to describe how the standard of life and character of each person is before and after accepting and placing God in his or her life. Professionals will have a professional character, while those who live in the social world live a life with the *culture* they accept and aim to live a life without involving God. Furthermore, those who are willing to accept God and become new creations will live as believers who serve God alone. This paper aims to explore how character and spiritual transformation occurs when individuals move from living according to *cultural* or professional ethics to adopting Christian values. This paper uses a qualitative descriptive method. Research shows that character and spiritual transformation only occurs when there is a transformation from character standards in the form of codes of ethics or *culture* to biblical standards. Successful transformation can only be assured by the presence of surrender and the helpful role of the Holy Spirit. The success of the transformation will bring about a change in the standard of character to the Christian character or the standard of Christ, prioritizing serving the Lord God and improving the spirituality and life of the believer.

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INTRODUCTION

Everyone's life as well as Christians in general are involved in the world of work and the social world that is always in their lives. In both worlds, every person as well as a Christian lives his life.

The world of work life is a place where everyone will be in an environment where everyone will carry out probate duties as a worker or professional. The world of work has its own rules and regulations that govern every action and deed that is allowed and not allowed to be done in the world of work. These rules and regulations are usually known as the Code of Conduct. This is determined to ensure the orderly implementation of tasks and work carried out in the work environment. This code of ethics must then become a habit in acting, doing, and becoming the basis of every activity carried out in the world of work. In the end, this code of ethics will form the uniformity of the character of individuals or professionals in the world of work and will form a new character as stipulated in the code of ethics that has been set.

In addition to the world of work, there is still a social world that everyone must live. The world of social life brings everyone to interact with the environment, that is, with everyone with various positions and even with other creatures other than humans. Everyone in the social world is involved in actions and deeds that must be in harmony with the social standards that exist in that environment. The basis or standard is generally a habit that has been mutually accepted in the society. Obedience to the rules and regulations in the social environment results in a person being able to survive and be accepted in the social environment. These standards of behavior are generally set in a culture that applies in that environment. As with the code of ethics, the culture that is the social standard will ultimately shape the character of every person who lives and socializes in the environment in which they are.

For every person whose life is with the Lord Jesus, neither ethics nor culture have met his needs in living this life. This is because in his life there are rules and regulations that are much more important than just codes of ethics and culture. The rules and regulations are set by HE the Creator, who is God Himself who is in the Lord Jesus who is the Son of God Himself.

The rules and regulations that govern every believer in the Lord Jesus are written and recorded in the Bible and those rules are the Word of God inspired by Him Himself. All the recorded provisions of life not only regulate human relationships in social life and relationships with the environment around everyone, but these rules and regulations mainly regulate the relationship between humans and their God and humans and humans based on the love from Allah.

Life based on the rules and provisions in the Code of Ethics and Culture is a life of life without involving God who created, while life based on the Word inspired by God in the Bible is a life that involves God in every human life itself. Everyone who is willing to surrender himself to involve Allah in his life must be willing to surrender himself and undergo a process of transition or transformation from a life that was previously only governed by codes of ethics and culture to a life that involves Allah in his life.

Transformation itself can be interpreted as a change that has occurred in totality, in this case as a whole (Sarimbungan, 2020). Transformation can occur in individual children of God or also in the organization of the church. The transformation that occurs in God's children does not happen just like that, because in the process of transformation there will be a shift in value from those who previously did not become God's children to God's children.

The transformation of oneself into God's children begins with a shift in a number of values in each person. As is known, in living life, everyone has their own personal character that grows and develops in every human being in living life in this world. Character itself is a disposition, character or trait that

is characteristic of each individual and certainly distinguishes him from other individuals in the way of thinking and behavior in his life (E. S. David, 2019). A shift in values will affect the change in the way of thinking and behavior of everyone who becomes God's children in living a life with God.

The shift in values in each individual will ultimately have an impact on the individual's spirituality where the transformation ultimately takes place in the reality of life in the perspective of the children of God to bring them in the transformation of life in the perspective of the children of God who have a noble purpose. Transformation into children of God must occur so that a noble character and morals will be formed which as children of God in the Christian aspect requires the character of Christ that must be clearly seen in every life of God's children who are believers (Tuah, 2024).

Along with the transformation, there is a need for the Spirit Power which is God Himself working in God's children. The power of the Spirit that leads, builds, guides, directs, and strengthens each person to become a child of God. The power of the Spirit is needed because only the power of God enables everyone to come to the God who created and did every one of His commandments that He has recorded in the Bible

This study critically analyzes the concept of transformation in the lives of Christian individuals, particularly in relation to the influence of God's Word and the process of spiritual change. The research focuses on how individuals who live by secular ethical codes and cultural norms can undergo a transformation to live in accordance with divine principles, as outlined in the Bible. This transformation is not merely a change in values but a comprehensive shift in the way of thinking, behavior, and spirituality, ultimately aligning one's life with God's teachings. By examining the intersection of personal character development, divine teachings, and the role of the Holy Spirit, the study seeks to address the gap in research regarding the spiritual transformation of Christians, especially in how this transformation is guided by both individual effort and the empowering of the Holy Spirit. Two previous studies on ethical behavior (Suhartini, 2023) and transformation in religious communities (Ibrahim, 2022) have explored the general dynamics of change and ethical living. However, these studies have not fully integrated the role of divine intervention and the direct impact of God's teachings in personal transformation, particularly within the context of Christian spirituality.

The benefits of this research are to provide a deeper understanding of the importance of character transformation in the life of a believer and to demonstrate how the acceptance of God and the role of the Holy Spirit can lead to a more spiritual and meaningful life, aligned with Christian values.

METHOD

The author applied a descriptive qualitative research method. Based on the variables set, the author discussed each of these variables based on the category of variables. The discussion will be carried out by conducting a literature study which will enrich the discussion based on a number of information obtained from the literature study to enrich the discussion based on information and information related to the discussion of variables as seen in the literature study. In addition, because the discussion includes the transformation of the character and spirituality of Christian theology, the main source in this discussion will certainly come from the Bible as one of the saving faiths in Jesus Christ the Lord.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Code of Ethics and Culture as the Basis of Individual Character

Code of Conduct and Character

The Code of Ethics is a means to help the implementers as a professional person so that they cannot damage professional ethics. This is because the code of ethics provides guidelines for each member of the profession on the principles of professionalism outlined (Poerti & A, 2023). This code of ethics can help every professional to know what a professional can do and what a professional cannot do.

In the professional world, the code of ethics is the most important thing that must be known and held and guides the implementation of professional work in carrying out or carrying out actions in the professional world. The professional code of ethics itself is a set of behavioral methods as guidelines that must be followed in carrying out a profession (Asfi, 2020).

A personal code of ethics is a code of conduct that directs how a person should act in various situations, while personal character is a distinctive trait formed from consistent values, principles, and behaviors. The code of conduct provides rules and standards, while characters deeply reflect who a person is. In this case, the code of ethics will help a person to make ethical and responsible decisions based on the rules and regulations that have been established and mutually agreed upon among each individual who is in the same profession.

The more involvement a person has in his work and the time spent in living the world of professionalism, the more bound the individual is to the established code of ethics. This then becomes a habit for the individual to act based on a code of ethics that affects the world of his profession which ultimately also has an impact on the world of his profession. At the end of this code of ethics will affect life outside the professional world that a person has.

The influence of the code of ethics on life outside the world of professionalism will certainly ultimately have an impact on the actions and deeds of each individual in the face of social change and the challenges of globalization, the existence of the code of ethics is increasingly significant as a moral and professional guideline in overcoming ethical dilemmas while maintaining high standards of behavior (BomBom & Dorla, 2024). This is also commonly done to show the impression of the existence of professionalism which leads to the recognition of a person's professionalism in the social world. The behavior of the professional will then also become part of the basis of actions and deeds in the social environment outside of the environment of his professionalisms.

In the end, this code of ethics that affects the professional life and social life will have an impact on the character of the individual and then this process will shape the personal values of the individual. Character itself can be described as *basic moral values* which generally include at least moral values such as caring, honesty, justice, responsibility and appreciation for one's self and others (R & al., 2022). Character will ultimately describe how morals and principles are the foundation of an individual in acting and doing in living his life.

In an organization with a number of professionals, individual characters are built, developed, and internalized in each person in the company. Individual character will strengthen the organization's philosophy (P, 2016). This character will further form the basis of human behavior. The basis of behavior formed in the organization will also affect the basis of behavior in the social world. This can happen when the professional spends most of his time doing professional work from his or her world of work as well as to demonstrate his professional presence in the social world.

Culture and Character

To explore the process of individual transformation, there are other elements in the form of culture and cultural concepts that must first be understood. This is the initial stage and is a core process to be able to explore the foundation of thought regarding efforts to understand the role of these elements in an effort to form an individual's identity which will ultimately affect his social world where the decision-making process to deal with the social environment and the work environment must be faced by everyone.

Culture can be seen as a way of life that develops and belongs to a group of people, then passed down from generation to generation. Cultural elements consist of various elements including religious and political systems, language, customs, buildings, tools, clothing, and works of art, and so on. Culture itself is complex, abstract, and vast. If culture is interpreted as the work and creation

of man, then the basis of character values is only twofold, namely religion and culture, because the philosophy of the nation and universal values are in essence the work and creation of man.

Like the form of culture above, today this form of culture is better known as the form of local wisdom which is a form of culture that has existed in the time of our ancestors and must continue to be preserved as a guideline for life. Although the embedded values are local, they are already considered to be very *universal* (Arni & Az, 2020).

As stated, cultural values are a general concept that is composed and influences behavior related to nature, human relations with nature, something that humans want and do not want in relation to their environment (D & al., 2022).

Based on the description of culture above, it can be stated that culture is indeed one of the general elements that is strong and affects the formation of character. As expressed in the world of education, character development based on cultural values will make the formation of personality for students stronger in building the character of the social life of the Indonesian people which is indispensable in the life of the nation and state (Herdiana & al., 2021).

Cultural elements can be one of the strong elements in character formation because in culture there are elements such as values, norms, and community habits that play a role in shaping thinking patterns, action patterns, and interaction patterns that occur in the society where the individual grows and is located. The elements contained in the culture determine, limit and regulate everyone in the cultural environment to create self-harmony and harmony with the environment outside themselves. These elements are no different from the elements as explained in the meaning of character itself which states that character can be described as *basic moral values* which generally include at least moral values such as caring, honesty, justice, responsibility and appreciation of personal self and others. This shows that culture also has an equally important influence in shaping a person's character.

The Bible and the Power of the Spirit as the Basis of Christian Character *The Bible and Character*

As described above, character can be interpreted as no different from personality. Furthermore, personality is defined as the characteristics, characteristics, and/or style and characteristics of the individual's self that originate from the formation received from the environment.

Likewise, building Christian character is very important and requires elements of love, holiness, virtue and justice. This effort of formation requires sincere love, firm justice, wisdom to govern both and virtue and courage to continue his life as children of God based on Christian character (M, 2024).

Building Christian character means requiring standards that can be used to build that character. The only standard that has authority and that can be used in building Christian character is the word of God Himself which is realized in the Bible which is the holy book of every Christian.

The source of biblical authority comes from divine revelation given to the Bible writers by God. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit Himself inspired the Bible writers to write God's word. In addition, the Bible also comes from the testimony and experience of Christians who believe that the Bible is God's perfect and unquestionable revelation. This authority is very important because the Scriptures are the source of truth and moral law in the life of Christians (U. David, 2021).

God's Word as written in 2 Timothy 3:16 states that; "All the writings that are inspired by Allah are indeed useful for teaching, for exposing errors, for correcting behavior and for educating people in the truth. This sense of "inspired" is that the Bible was written directly by inspiration from God (Ginting & al., 2022). This verse is appropriate when used as a standard of reference stating that only the Bible can direct the building of a person's character to have a Christian character because this verse has four benefits:

- 1) The benefits of teaching show that the Bible is the source of all things infinite and the truth of God's Word without error, and is the basis for every Christian to gain teaching and about salvation.
- 2) The benefit of declaring error can be interpreted as the Bible which contains God's Word that can state errors or can show people whether man is wrong and in which part man is wrong.
- 3) The benefits of correcting behavior are that the Bible is the standard by which to determine the character of every human being. Reading and meditating on the Bible can change lives, especially human behavior, to be free from all errors. Improving behavior means that humans can change for the better. God's Word man can also know what is wrong before God and be willing to correct his mistakes and know what to do in accordance with God's Word
- 4) The benefit of educating in the truth is that in this case the Bible is the source of truth of God's revelation specifically for His people so that everyone who reads the Bible must feel the education of God, which is the right education that leads to the practice or coaching that must be held in the way of truth or in faith, to change the wrong character into the right.

All of these benefits will ultimately shape the Christian character in a person.

Character as described can be a set of values that lead to a system, which is based on a thought, attitude and behavior that is displayed. In Jeanne & Gisela (2024) connection with the formation of character based on the rules and

standards of God's Word in the Bible, then the set of values are values that are sourced from the Bible in the form of values to Christianity or Christian values.

Furthermore, it is explained that Christian values or Christian values are a form of moral cultivation that is in accordance with the character of Christ contained in the Bible. This statement returns those values to the central point of the biblical preaching of Christ and his character that is in fact present throughout the holy book of the Bible

Christian values are life values that are derived from the Bible. These values reveal the definite truth and manifestation of God's wisdom to man. These values reflect God's personality and will to guide human life in accordance with His design and will. Christian values are not an abstract concept that is only spoken by humans, they have their own form in human life. It is an attempt to link, combine, and accommodate God's word with the conditions of culture, social life, and historical values in the world, which we can call the contextualization of Christian values (Mangido & al., 2024).

The discussion of character values based on the Bible is widely spread in the Bible. One of the exemplary verses that has Christian value in living with a Christian character is Galatians 5:22-23. which states, "But the fruit of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control". This verse is in harmony with the direction of actions, deeds and traits, especially the character that must be carried out and possessed by all those who are children of God because with this verse every Christian can live holy before God as He is also holy.

Christian values should be a guideline for all people to live a safe, comfortable, and joyful life and to have an impact on those around them because Christian values are closely related to Christian character. These values reflect the fruits of the spirit. Each spirit depicts the nature of God which is in accordance with the will of Allah as explained below:

1. Love

Love will distance itself from enmity which in this sense is not only love for God, but also includes love for fellow man.

2. Joy

Joy is the basis of the form of joy and joy that we experience and that exists because of God's love for man.

3. Peace.

Peaceful Peace can be defined as the embodiment of living peacefully with fellow human beings without quarrels and hatred between others.

4. Patience

Patience is a form of Christian values that show competence and ability to refrain from anger. Patience can also be defined as enduring suffering or remaining calm even in a threatened situation.

5. Mercy.

Generosity is a humble quality and willing to give sincerely without expecting too much in return.

6. Goodness

Kindness is expressed as a good trait or habit to others, in which case everyone is required to be willing to help fellow human beings without expecting revenge for themselves.

7. Loyalty

Loyalty is a word that describes the relationship between man and God. Loyalty leads people to be steadfast, trustworthy, honest in their every word and deed, and reliable.

8. Meekness

Meekness is defined as being patient and gentle towards others. We as Christians are invited to avoid abusive attitudes and actions towards others and not impose our own will and desires on others.

9. Self-mastery.

Self-mastery shows the existence of an ability that makes humans able to grasp their worldly desires, to control their own desires from lust and carnality.

The values and qualities expressed in the fruit of the Spirit must be reflected in the reality of the world of believers because by implementing them in the faith people will believe that we who claim to be children of God are indeed fruitful in deeds or also have character as believers.

As the fruits of the Spirit can be seen in the real world in Jesus, who is the God who has been present in the midst of man, who fully possesses all the qualities and values of the ideal character so that it becomes a character that must be exemplified as the Character of Christ (Medi L R R et al., 2023).

The Power of Spirit and Character

The Bible is the only source of character that any believer should have. The Bible itself contains the word of God inspired by God Himself and delivered to every believer through those who are chosen as preachers of the word.

To be able to understand and carry out the word itself, it is still necessary for God who is the source of the word itself, so that in interpreting God's word it can be done correctly. Everyone can only understand God's Word correctly and correctly if they receive the illumination of the Holy Spirit where the Power of the Spirit Himself works to be able to understand the Word he receives. This can be seen as expressed in Ephesians. 3:4 which explains that when you read it, one will gain an understanding from him who is Paul who was enabled by the Holy Spirit to deliver the word.

Every believer must receive the Holy Spirit in order to be able to receive and deepen God's word in order to know the gift that God has given to believers so that they can direct themselves to the Christian character which is the character of Christ written in the Bible. The recognition of the gift of God's word as well as the Christian character in the Bible can only be gained from the Holy Spirit in harmony with the words expressed in 1 Corinthians 2:12, and without the Holy Spirit no one would be able to know and know the Word.

The power that teaches every believer to be able to receive, understand, and interpret God's words in the Bible is only from the Power of the Holy Spirit who has indeed been sent by the Lord God to teach every believer everything and also helps everyone to remember every teaching that is conveyed as written in . John 14:26. This teaching also includes as the teaching of the fruit of the Spirit as written in Galatians 5:22-23 which is essentially a Christian character as much as the character of Christ himself.

The effort of every believer to be able to live in the Christian character will only be possible with the help of the Holy Spirit because it is the Spirit Himself who will teach, lead the believer to the truth, the truth that exists in the practice of character as taught by the Lord Jesus and revealed in the Bible (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit will teach and help believers to make themselves like the Lord Jesus, especially through the formation of the Christian character that is the character of Christ. Having the character of Christ will make every believer like the Lord Jesus.

As Galatians 5:22-23 says, with the help, guidance, and teaching of the Holy Spirit itself, it will produce the fruit of the Spirit which are the values that make up the Christian character itself. In this case there must be a total surrender that must change spiritually from an unbeliever to a believer and who depends on Allah alone.

Spirituality is at the core of Christian character development, especially in biblical leadership, which is basically all revealed by the Spirit who knows all things that are in God Himself (1 Corinthians 2:10-11). Spirituality is at the core of the noble values of the character of the Christian leader, who leads and leads to worship Him in the Spirit and truth, with humility and respect. So that all activities carried out enable believers to develop and apply character values as believers, by educating, teaching, forming, growing, and developing individuals to have superior Christian character (Josafat & Rojokiaman, 2022).

Transformation

Being in a spiritual environment does not guarantee a person to experience a life transformation. In fact, sin is still present in human life, and believers can still fall into sin (Tukua & D, 2024). This is because transformation does not only emphasize on converting a person's religion from a non-Christian

religion to a Christian. Transformation emphasizes the existence of the life of an unbeliever to a believer. This transition or transformation must also be accompanied by a change in character standards, beliefs, and followed in applying them in personal life.

The change in character standards from codes of ethics and culture to biblical standards and the Power of the Spirit marked the beginning of a transformation from ordinary man to Christian man with biblical Christian character standards. This change requires a lot of effort and effort because we have to learn and try to surrender ourselves and our hearts to God.

The transformation from an unbeliever to a believer makes a person saved. The transformation that leads to salvation can be realized not because of the strength of the person, but because there is a central role of God who wins as expressed in Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you are saved by faith; it is not the result of your efforts, but the gift of God, it is not the result of your work: let no one boast." God's Word is available to guide, guide, and save, and there is the Holy Spirit who empowers everyone to be able to practice or live the Christian character that is the basis of the source of salvation as written in the Bible.

Furthermore, another word of God in the Bible that can be used as the basis for a transformation of oneself is Ephesians 5:8: "You were darkness at one time, but now you are light in God. Therefore live as children of light." This verse clearly means that before becoming a believer, everyone lived in a world that did not involve God in every life, but after undergoing transformation, now they have received God's light and must live according to God's standards, namely Activity with Christian character or Christ character.

The code of ethics as the basis of the character of the unbeliever who plays the role of a professional and the culture as the basis of the character of the person who lives a social life must be changed to the Bible as the basis of the character of the believer who is born in God.

The transformation of a person who transforms from darkness (life without God is based only on the code of ethics and culture as the basis of character) to the life of light (life with God with God's Word as the basis of the character of life), is clearly described in God's word as stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17 which states: "Therefore whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old has passed away, indeed the new has come."

This transformation must be comprehensive and include mindsets, feelings and actions in actions and deeds. Total change is the right word for this process and should not be half-hearted. This transformation must be done immediately because indeed the Bible and God's own word are available to be carried out,

The above words clearly show how unbelievers transform into believers. This transformation transforms the old creation into a new creation. The new creation is a believer who has gone through the process of transformation into believers after they have accepted Christ and lived a life as the character of Christ must be in him. Living long in the code of ethics as a professional standard and culture as a standard of social life in a social environment that ignores God is set not based on God's word and will. Transformation must begin with abandoning believing in the Lord Jesus and abandoning the old standards and moving on to a new standard of Christian character in the Bible.

The new creation can be interpreted as something newly created and not equipped with something and must be immediately filled with the Christian character taught in the Bible, this new creation will have a new spirit and a new purpose in living its life. A new life with a Christian character that must live a life full of the fruits of the Spirit with a Christian character or the character of Christ as They live a new life, full of the fruits of the Spirit, such as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and faithfulness.

The basis of transformation above emphasizes more on the efforts and efforts of each person who seeks to undergo transformation and obtain a new life based on Christian character, but human efforts in transformation are not enough because transformation must be done at the same time as submission to God who will carry out transformation in each person. This is because in everyone there is always a desire of the world that always defeats a person to stay in darkness.

Surrender to God will produce a grace that can overcome the desires of the world, a grace that with the help of the Holy Spirit will enable every believer to resist worldly desires and finally realize his status as a child of God. Therefore, we no longer obey the desires of the flesh that produce evil (Angel et al., 2025). Realizing one's status and surrendering to God's will will enable everyone to transform themselves into believers with a Christian character that is built up in them. This is an application of Tihan's words from Ephesians 2:8-9: "For by grace you have been saved by faith; it is not the result of your efforts, but the gift of God, it is not the result of your work: let no one boast." Self-awareness can mean realizing that without God, everyone other than God has no meaning in life and in this world.

Victory as a new creation living in the Christian character as a result of transformation certainly brings a change of spirit and mind as stated in Ephesians 4:23-24. The renewal in the spirit will bring new life in the spirituality of the new man. A spiritual life that directs hearts and minds only to Christ, a life that leads to victory only to spiritual fulfillment and salvation, not to worldly victories for the pride and joy of the world alone.

In a spiritualist life based on Christian character, believers will change themselves and rely on the creator and the truth alone which will ultimately change the mindset and perspective of life and treat everything based on the love of the creator alone as the form of Christian character expressed in the Bible. This form of transformation will go hand in hand with the spiritual renewal of becoming a believer who surrenders to Him.

CONCLUSION

The life of a professional is typically guided by a code of ethics and cultural norms, both of which often exclude spiritual or divine elements from influencing decisions and behaviors; true transformation, however, occurs when individuals move beyond these frameworks and embrace spiritual guidance from God, aligning themselves with biblical standards and the teachings of Christ to become new creations marked by profound changes in mindset and actions. To further enrich this field, future research should investigate the impact of spiritual transformation within professional environments, specifically examining how integrating Christian values might enhance ethical decision-making and professional integrity, as well as exploring practical strategies for incorporating biblical principles into daily professional practices to foster a more holistic approach to both work and personal life.

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