





**He ain't pretty, he
just looks that way.**

In all Israel there was not a man so highly praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the top of his head to the sole of his foot there was no blemish in him. Whenever he cut the hair of his head—he used to cut his hair from time to time when it became too heavy for him—he would weigh it, and its weight was two hundred shekels by the royal standard.

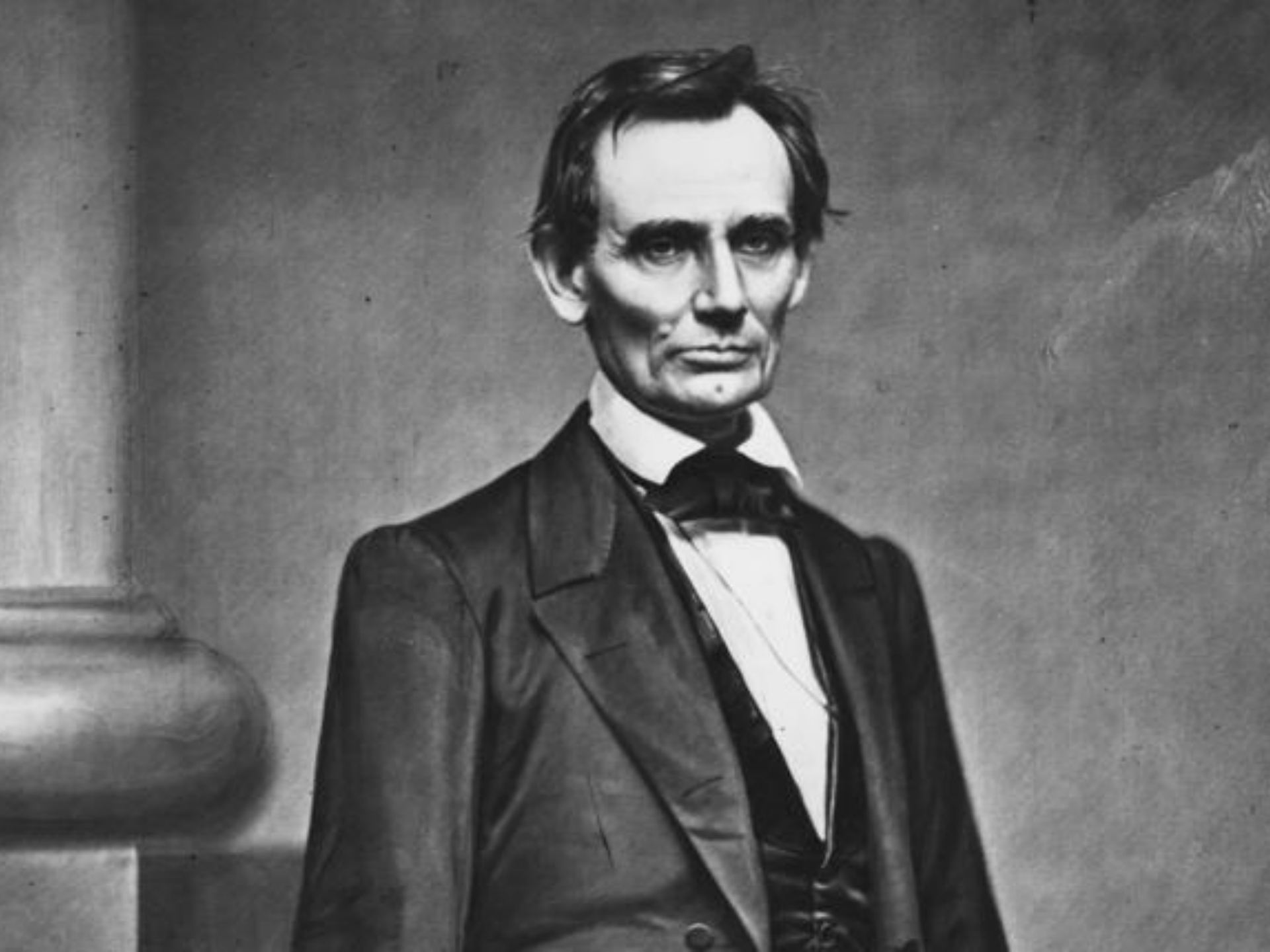
2 Samuel 14:25-26

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

1 Samuel 16:7

“Don’t judge a book by its cover.”





He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:2-5

Investing in your “heart”
i.e. *Character Development*



High Character

LIMITED

FRUITFUL

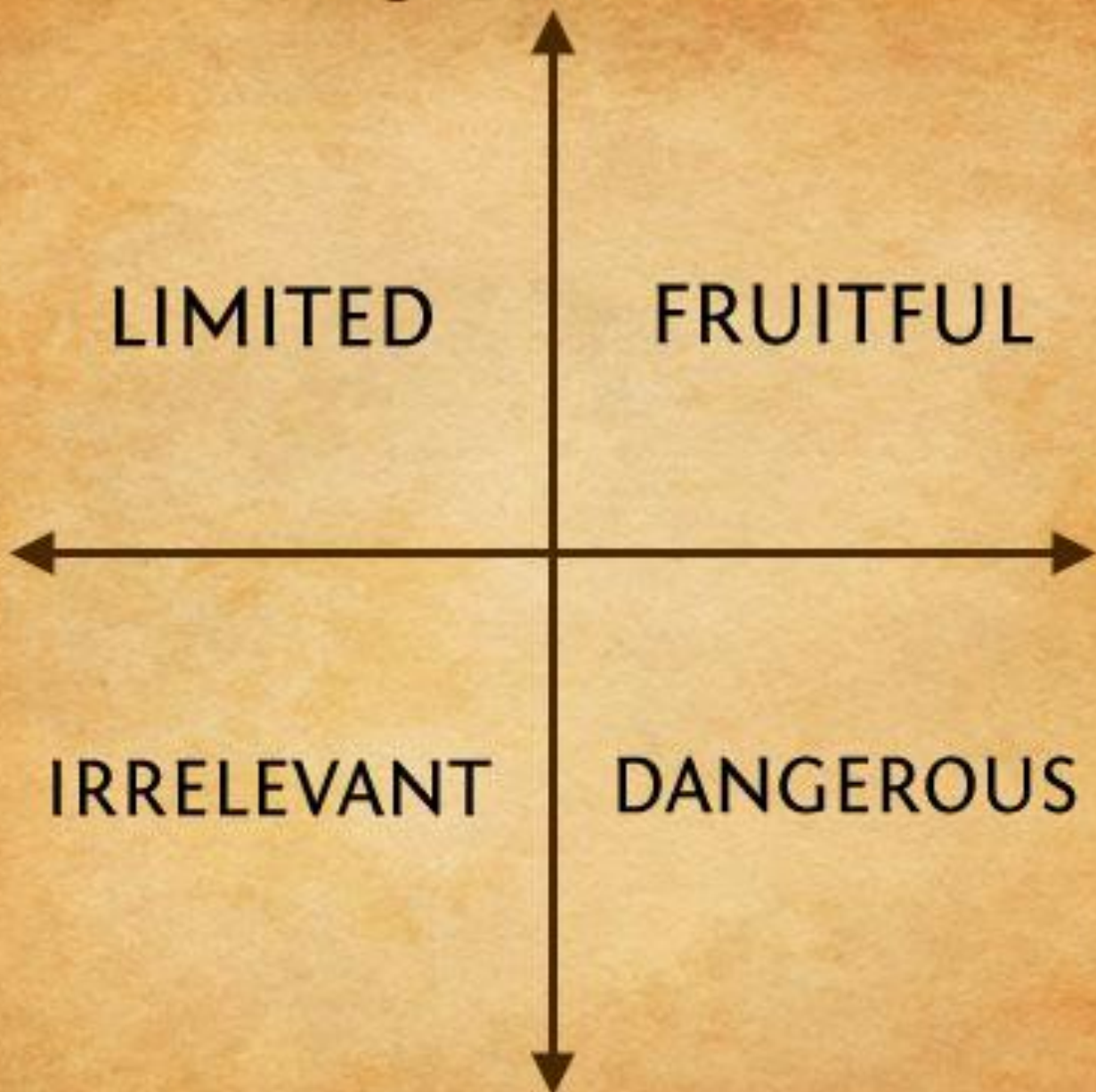
Low
Skill

High
Skill

IRRELEVANT

DANGEROUS

Low Character



**You are like whitewashed tombs—
beautiful on the outside but filled on the
inside with dead people's bones and all
sorts of impurity. Outwardly you look like
righteous people, but inwardly your
hearts are filled with hypocrisy and
lawlessness.**

Matthew 23:27-28

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