

A Person of Class

The other day, I heard someone referred to as a “classy person.” If you have ever thought about a person having class, maybe you are like me and you wonder... what is the meaning of the word “class”? I know I have always wanted people to think I had class... but what exactly is it? I asked a few of the people I know and the best answer I’ve received was just a few days ago, when the person said, “I don’t know what class is, but I know it when I see it.”

Class must be demeanor, must be bearing and pose, and must be something others see in body language and appearance. After thinking about it some more, I’ll have to take better care of my appearance. Maybe I’d better lose those twenty pounds, which I’ve lost and found many times during the past forty years. Maybe I’ll be more conscious about my grooming, my clothes, and my uniform. If I want to be that person of class, I’ve got work to do.

But I think a person of class has to be other things beyond appearance, too. I think one also needs to have character. Character that portrays dignity, integrity, and ethics. Yeah - it is more than appearance. It is many things, and although I don’t know exactly how to describe it, “I know it when I see it.” A person of class.