

## **The Analysis of Moral Values In "A Walk To Remember" Novel Written By Nicholas Sparks**

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### **ABSTRACT**

This study aims at describing moral values of the main character dealing with life problems in 'a walk to remember' novel by Nicholas Sparks. This research is a qualitative descriptive study. The method of data collection is done by reading and recording techniques. The results showed: (1) there are three types of morality form, namely; moral value in human relations with God (faith and prayer), moral value in human relations with oneself (patience and sincerity), the manifestation of the relationship between humans and other human beings (parental advice to children, interpersonal advice, parental love for children, child affection for parents, affection between friend, and parent responsibility to children). (2) the moral of the main character is dealing with life problems are accepting the fate of God, being firm in stance, being submissive, working hard, praying to God, not being easily discouraged.

*Keywords:* Moral, Value, Pragmatic, Manifestation.

### **ABSTRAK**

Penelitian ini bertujuan untuk mendeskripsikan nilai-nilai moral tokoh utama dalam menghadapi permasalahan hidup yang tercermin dalam novel 'a walk to Remember' karya Nicholas Sparks. Penelitian ini merupakan penelitian deskriptif kualitatif. Metode pengumpulan data dilakukan dengan teknik membaca dan mencatat. Hasil penelitian menunjukkan: (1) terdapat tiga jenis bentuk moralitas, yaitu; nilai moral dalam hubungan manusia dengan Tuhan (iman dan doa), nilai moral dalam hubungan manusia dengan diri sendiri (kesabaran dan keikhlasan), wujud hubungan manusia dengan manusia lainnya (nasehat orang tua kepada anak, nasehat interpersonal, kasih sayang orang tua kepada anak, kasih sayang anak terhadap orang tua, kasih sayang antar teman, dan tanggung jawab orang tua terhadap anak). (2) Akhlak tokoh utama dalam menghadapi permasalahan hidup adalah menerima takdir Tuhan, teguh pendirian, tunduk, bekerja keras, berdoa kepada Tuhan, tidak mudah putus asa.

*Kata Kunci:* Moral, Nilai, Pragmatis, Manifestasi

## INTRODUCTION

Literature is a term used to describe written or spoken material. Broadly speaking, "literature" is used to describe anything from creative writing to more technical or scientific works, but the term is most commonly used to refer to works of the creative imagination, including works of poetry, drama, fiction, and nonfiction (Esther Lombardi : 2015 ). Literature is general writing value works of art, especially plays, poem, and novels ( Hornby:2005 ).

Novel is works of fiction built by building elements, namely intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements. The novel is also interpreted as a prose-shaped essay that contains a series of stories of someone's life with others around him by highlighting the character and nature of the perpetrator (Nurgiyantoro , 2010:10). The novel is a type of literary work written in a narrative that contains certain conflicts in the life stories of the characters in the story.

In literature, All stories must have certain characteristics or elements. Without these elements, any piece of literature would cease to make sense or serve a purpose. For example, character. Character can be defined as any person, animal, or figure represented in a literary work. There are many types of characters that exist in literature, each with its own development and function. Character as one of the most important factors in story. Character is one of the attributes or features that make up and distinguish an individual (Merriam-webster : 1828) . Character is the personality or the part an actor represents in a play; a role played by an actor in a play ( lynch : 2012 ).

A Walk to Remember is a novel by American writer Nicholas Sparks, released in October 1999. The novel, set in 1958–1959 in Beaufort, North Carolina, is a story of two teenagers who fall in love with each other despite the disparity of their personalities.

A walk to remember is a novel that shows bad and good moral character. Bad and good moral is one of characteristics that existing in human being. The writers are interested to this novel because the novel was suitable for teenagers "because of the message it provided" it makes the writers want this novel to be analyzed through moral values.

## Literature

In modern times literature position is increasing and increasingly important. Literature not only provides inner pleasure and satisfaction, but also as a means of conveying moral messages to the public over social reality.

According to homby (2000) literature is the way of expressing human's feeling, thought, imagination and experience by writing. Literature is pieces of writing that are valued as works of art, especially novels, plays or drama, and poems. literature is a medium for expressing the thoughts of the author. literature is imaginative, aesthetic and pleasing to the reader. This is in line with the opinion of Damono (1984: 1), that literature was created by authors or writers to be enjoyed, understood, and utilized by society in life.

Millar (1970:18) says it also increases human being's knowledge or insight, enrich their spirits and make them more civilized. It can help them comprehend other people's condition and qualities. Therefore, literature helps human being grow, both personally and

intellectually. It provides an objective base for knowledge and understanding. It links them with the broader cultural, philosophic, and religious world of which they are a part

From the definition above, the writers concluded that literature is one of works of art that show creative imagination from the authors, it can be fiction or non fiction. The reader can read the creative imagination and it can increase knowledge and experiences about human problems including values, morals, cultures and human interest.

### **Novel**

Novel is one of the art from literature. A novel is a relatively long work of narrative fiction, normally written in prose form, and which is typically published as a book. Comparing to the movie, novel can get lots of chances to think, A novel calls for us to use our imagination to visualize what is going on in the book. Nurgiyantoro (2010: 10) argues that novels are works of fiction built by building elements, namely intrinsic elements and extrinsic elements. The novel is also interpreted as a prose-shaped essay that contains a series of stories of someone's life with others around him by highlighting the character and nature of the perpetrator.

### **Moral**

Moral is the doctrine of good and bad is generally accepted, concerning actions, attitudes and obligations. Moral form includes unlimited problems. Covers all issues of life and life, all problems that cover human dignity. Literary works created by the author must contain certain values that will be conveyed to the reader, for example moral values. The

reader is expected to be able to find and retrieve this value. Kenny (via Nurgiyantoro 2009: 320) states that moral stories are usually intended as a suggestion related to certain moral teachings that are practical.

It is a clue which was deliberately given by the author about various matters relating to behavior and social manners. Moral is something that the author wants to convey to the reader, which is the meaning contained in a literary work and the meaning suggested by the story (Nurgiyantoro, 2009: 321).

### **Moral character**

Moral character or character is an evaluation of an individual's stable moral qualities. The concept of character can imply a variety of attributes including the existence or lack of virtues such as empathy, courage, fortitude, honesty, and loyalty, or of good behaviors or habits.

Moral character primarily refers to the assemblage of qualities that distinguish one individual from another—although on a cultural level, the set of moral behaviors to which a social group adheres can be said to unite and define it culturally as distinct from others. Psychologist Lawrence Pervin defines moral character as "a disposition to express behavior in consistent patterns of functions across a range of situations". Similarly, the philosopher Marie I. George refers to moral character as the "sum of one's moral habits and dispositions." Aristotle has said, "we must take as a sign of states of character the pleasure or pain that ensues on acts."

### **Moral Form**

According to Via Nurgiyantoro theory moral form in a person can be seen from his overall appearance and behavior. The types of morals are as follows:

a. Godhead moral

The Godhead Moral is all things related to religion based on the teachings of certain religions and their influence on a person. Human behavior with God is reflected in individuals in carrying out life with all its problems. Any action in human life will not be separated from God as the creator of nature and its contents include all beings. Human relations with God are done by prayer or other forms that show a vertical relationship with the Almighty to ask for guidance, help and as a form of gratitude.

b. Individual Moral

Individual moral is a moral value that concerns human relations with personal life or the way humans treat themselves. positive individual morals include discipline, hard work, patience and responsible and good prejudice. The negative individual moral values include violating time discipline, violating disciplines of clothing, lying, , jealous of others , and not sincere. The use of figures, tables and others should be limited to important and representative ones that make the authors' statement persuasive. Figures can be presented in color. Ensure that each illustration has a caption. Supply captions separately, not attached to the figure. In addition, the table should have no vertical borders or shading. It should be presented with sufficiently informative captions. Every caption

should be complete and intelligible by itself with references. (if any: Cambria 12, line spacing 1).

## RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

According to New Age International Publishers in English archive (online) defines research methodology is a systematic way to solve a problem. It is a science of studying how research is to be carried out. Research methodology is the specific procedures or techniques used to identify, select, process, and analyse information about a topic. In this chapter , the writers analysed Landon character in “ a walk to remember “ novel. In this regard, the writers analyse the main character of the novel. This chapter consists of four parts. They are subject matter, material, approach and procedure.

The writers focus on analyzing Landon's moral character in the novel *a walk to remember* . a man who has a bad moral which later changed his life for the better since he knew and fell in love with Jamie, the daughter of the priest, who always brought the bible to school who has a good moral and showed him the depth of the human heart and brought him to a decision that was so amazing , which made him return to the path of maturity.

The setting of the novel for research is in 1958,at beaufort , north carolina. At that time, the big event of the year was sponsored by the baptist church downtown-southern in conjunction with the local high school. Every year there was a christmast drama at the beaufort playhouse, where is Landon is the main character in the drama.

### **Material**

The research material is “ a walk to remember “ novel by Nicholas sparks, a walk to remember is a romantic novel released in October 1999 by publisher warner books and grand central publishing in the united states and Gramedia main library in Indonesia . This novel set in a place in Beaufort , North Carolina. The novel is really romantic and touching. It makes people who read it feel the emotions which is portrayed in the novel.

The research materials of this thesis are the script of “a walk to remember“ novel, internet sources, books, and journals, and other references related to moral values. The writers use national and international sources as books and journals to make the analysis of the topic in this thesis. The writers also use the journal of scientific research about moral value as the references.

### **Approach**

In this thesis, the writers use the qualitative method and used pragmatic approach to analyze the data. It means the writers focus on definition and concept and might lead to development of new concept. Qualitative research is more subjective in nature than quantitative research and intends to understand the phenomenon of what is experienced by the subject of research such as perception, motivation, action, values ,attitudes by way of description in the form of words and language, in a special natural context and by utilizing various natural methods.

The pragmatic approach discusses the relationship between literary work and

its readers, namely what moral message are conveyed by literary work to readers. The writers do not use the statistic method but based on interpretations. The writers did library research such as reading several book for references and browse the relevant internet website to gain any information related to this research.

### **Procedure**

There are some steps that the writers take in order to do the analysis. The first is the writers read the novel twice to understand deeply about the character in the novel. The writers start to search relevant things to help her for analyzing the character of Landon on her final project. And the last, the writers collect the data from books and websites, the writers also collects the information from experts for guidance about the moral character analysis

According to Bogdan and Taylor (1975), quoted by Moleong (2007: 4) argues that qualitative methodology as a procedure research that produces descriptive data in the form of words written or oral of people and behaviors that can be observed. The research methodology used in this study is a qualitative descriptive method. According to Moleong (2007: 6), which is defined as a qualitative research study that aims to understand what is experienced by research subjects, for example, behavior, perception, motivation, and other actions and descriptively in the form of words and language by using natural methods.

An approach is the basic principle or the element that is used by someone when appreciate a work of literature.

Choosing determining the approach are much determined by the aim of someone who on the aim of appreciating the literary work, the reader can use some approaches. The character itself will be analyzed using the psychological approach and with qualitative research method. However due to several constraints as time , references etc therefore the study is limited to discuss about the analysis of the main character in the movie *The Fault in Our Stars* based on literary aspects in general and not involved an analysis of cancer survivor from the medical aspects.

## **FINDING AND DISCUSSION**

### **The form of moral values appear in the novel a walk to remember**

The moral value of the characters in this novel can be used as an example in everyday life, moral values in this novel such as parental love for their children, it can be seen :

“Hegbert looked teary and it was the first time I saw him crying\_ Jamie was in his arms, hegbert stroking his daughter's hair while whispering "my angel" while Jamie closed her eyes.”

( chapter 9, page : 147 )

Form of moral can include problems, which can be said to be natural and unlimited. Can cover all problems of life, all problems concerning human dignity. Broadly speaking, the problems of life and human life can be distinguished into problems of human relations with oneself,

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### **Form of moral value in the relationship between human to god**

The relationship between human and God is a special relationship. Human as creatures will not be separated from the creator. Although consciously or not, all humans need in practice will always be fixed on the creator . conscientiously the relationship between humans and God always has a greater portion compared to other creatures, although sometimes humans relations with the creator are shown in various ways . good or bad human behavior will affect the power of faith of God. In the novel a walk to remember , she found three forms of variants concerning the relationship between human and God , namely faith , believe in God's plan and pray to God.

#### **Faith**

Faith is trust, assurance and confidence in God. Living faith is shown by service and obedience to God. God will increase our faith if we fervently ask and draw close to him.

“ Our lives are more centered in the church with a total of 18 churches”.

( chapter 1, page : 14 )

The purpose of the statement above is that residents are more centered on their faith of God with more centered on the church than other things.

“As a priest , hegbert serving in a church since the prophet moses split the red sea. At that time , the big event of the year was sponsored by the Baptist church downtown, cooperate with local high school and hegbert wrote a drama titled the christmas angel “

( Chapter 1 , page : 14 )

The christian faith professes an unreserved belief in the Bible, God's word to mankind is true, tested and unchanging. Faith is also full and unreserved confidence in God, in his love for me, and in his power to help me whatever comes my way in life. The data found in this novel about faith is as follows:

" Jamie carried her bible wherever she went, and if it was not her appearance and hegbert that kept the boys away, the cause is certainly the bible. "

( chapter 1, page : 33 )

In the quotation explained that Jamie always carried her bible wherever she went because to deepen her religious values and that was a form of Jamie faith in God.

According to the term faithful is justifying with the heart, pronounced verbally and practiced by action. Faithful of god is a very basic need for someone. Jamie is indeed a good child, Jamie does not care about outward appearance because she is always looking for things like beauty that emanates from her inside. The quotation of the data is as follows:

" She not only followed the bible study every august holiday but also read the bible during school lunch breaks ".

( chapter 1, page : 34 )

People's faith can be measured by what they do. believe that God is great and perfect. Believing that whatever we want to God will surely be granted by God. Such as an example is shown by hegbert in the following quote :

"He wanted us to know that God is out there watching you, even when you are away from home, and that if you put

your trust in God, you will be all right in the end."

( chapter : 1, page : 19 )

It was written that, in the quotation hegbert believed in the power of God. He believed that whatever he was feeling God would never allow his trouble and would make him able to pass everything.

Even though Jamie's condition was getting weaker, but Landon and Jamie continued reading the Bible together at Jamie's house. Because according to them reading the Bible is the right thing to do. Reading the Bible gives them something to be the center of attention. Jamie who obeyed God and never missed a day to read the Bible and came to this verse she wanted to read on her wedding day, this is the sound :

### **God's plan**

God has a perfect design, and humans can not understand the mind of God. Whatever happens in this life, do not make us dissappointed. even if our design does not materialize be grateful, because in all circumstances God has the best plan for us. God never designed things that were bad for us. God understands more about our lives in the present and in the future.

Jamie who was raised by a father who work as a pastor so it would not be strange if Jamie was very obedient to God, because Jamie was very deligent in reading the Bible so her belief in God was very great, Jamie thought that whatever happened, everything was planned by God.

" with Jamie, everything is about God's plan, that is another thing, she always

mentions *God's* plan every time you talk with her. And does not care about the topics."

( chapter 1, page : 35 )

As we already know that according to Jamie, everythings that happens in our lives is all a plan of God and she believes that God is not cruel, God is very kind. The following data citation is Jamie's trust in God :

" I know challenges are always part of God's plan. But I do not want to believe that God is cruel, especially to someone like my father. He devoted his life to God and served the community"

( chapter 4, page : 87 )

### **Prayer**

Basically an individual does a prayer to ask for everything that is needed, desired or just to calm dow from all the hardships, but actually prayer has functions and uses that are infitine. Prayer is also one of the tools of human communication with God. It can be said that every religious person must pray.

Prayer is an important part of human life that is religious. Who always pray for safety and tranquility. Prayer is an important role for the continuity and journey of human life, the form of moral values to pray to God can be seen in the following citation data.

Jamie who is kind is not only deligent in reading the bible but she always prays for someone. Can be seen in Landon and Jamie converstions :

Jamie : " Landon, this is a surprise. It looks like you just finished exercising."

Landon: " not really "

Jamie : " your clothes are soaking wet. "

Landon: "oh this is, it's okay sometimes my sweat is excessive."

Jamie : " maybe you should check yourself to the doctor "

Landon: " I am fine, I am sure "

Jamie : " I wil still pray for you "

Landon who was in a hurry and ran toward Jamies's house made his clothes so wet and Jamie who looked at him thought that Landon was sick and she prayed for Landon.

( chapter 2, page : 50-51 )

### **Form of moral value in the relationship between human and themselves**

The behavior of human realtions with theimselves is classified in ll moral values related to the individual as a person who shows the existence of the individual with various attitudes attached to him, the problem of humans with themselvesaccording to Nurgiyantoro ( 2009:324 ) can be of various types and levels of intersity. Human morality is devide into two , good moral and bad moral.

bad moral is attitude, behavior ,and character that are not good, in this novel , Landon and his grandfather have a moral that is not good , such as :

### **Greedy**

Greedy which mean it is never satisfied with the result that have been obtained.

" he collected ninety percent of the money produced by farmers to harvest their tobacco and lent money when they needed it , with very high interest "

( chapter 1, page : 26 )



The above quote explains Landon's grandfather is greedy because he takes very much profit from the farmers and he lends money with no sincerity because he gives very high interest.

### **Broken promise**

Betrayal is one of the evil qualities in humans. In the large Indonesian language dictionary ( KBBI ) treason means disloyalty, deception, broken promise.

Landon's Grandfather famous for being very depressed when his bank caught fire and when the depression reached its peak, he confiscated dozens of business activities in all corners of the area while maintaining the business owner to continue his business with his salary level. He promises them that once the economic situation improves, he will sell their business back to them but the grandfather is broken promise . can be seen in the quote below :

“ but never once did he keep his promise. In the end he mastered economic activities in the region and misused his power in all ways “

( chapter 1, page : 27 )

### **Disrespectful behavior**

Every person has a different nature and behavior, one example of bad behavior is getting drunk. Motion sickness is an act that is not commendable with a hangover someone will lose his mind. in the general sense, drunk is a state of poisoning due to alcohol consumption to a condition where there is a decrease in mental and physical abilities. Common symptoms include unclear speech, chaotic balance, poor coordination, tearing face, red eyes, and other strange behaviors

In this novel , Lew is a drunk person and during a dance party homecoming , Lew comes with alcoholic drinks that make Angela and other friends become drunk , can be seen in the quote below :

“ Lew pour alcoholic drinks into the punch drink container, so that some people get drunk.“

( chapter 3, page : 67 )

### **Being Patience**

Patience is one of the fundamental characteristics of people who are devoted to God. Patience is half of faith in this novel Hegbert is very patient to face Landon. The naughty Landon always ignored Hegbert with Hegbertic words that were a priest, he had a good heart, by being patient he faced Landon and his naughty friends. It can be seen below :

“ I know you there Landon Carter and God also knows , Hegbert will let the words enter for a while and finally he continues his steps. “

( chapter 1, page : 17 )

Not only Hegbert but Landon's father had a good heart, Landon's father who is a public figure has an extraordinary sense of calm even though Hegbert does not like him. Talking with Landon's father make us feel calm , can be seen in the quote below :

“ Once a woman appeared with a kid in a wheelchair. My father turned to the boy and said (I bet ten one that you are a smart kid in your class.) And in fact it is, yeah my dad is great at such things , he can always handle situation in the best way. “

(chapter 12, page : 207 )

The point in the quote is that Landon's father always tries to calm down various situations well every time there is an opportunity to make people around him feel calm and comfortable .

### **Forming of moral value in relationship between human to human**

Relationship between humans and other human beings in community life, often friction occurs. The issue of living with fellow humans with their environment can be either positive or negative. Considering that humans are basically social beings who need each other, including relations with the surrounding environment as completeness in their lives, sometimes cause various kinds of problems. Here is proof of moral values in the novel *A Walk to Remember*. Moral values in the relationship between humans and other human beings are five variants namely parental advice to children, parental affection to children, child affection to parents, affection between friends, and helping among others.

### **Parental advice to children**

Advice is a teaching and warning given based on truth with the intention of reprimanding and building someone with good purpose. Advice is always educational. Advisers can also be referred to as values, good instructions, warnings, proposals, or suggestions to someone about various things. Advice also teaches how to think and act well. Parental advice to children is advice for children from parents who are constructive so that their children can distinguish between good and bad things.

“ in his sermon the following Sunday he will see us and say something like ( God loves children very much but children must also deserve love) “  
( chapter 1, page : 17 )

From the quote above explains that Landon and his very naughty friend always do bad things for example like mocking hebert but hebert is very patient with Landon and his friends, hebert as pastor , he wants Landon and his friends to change for the better by saying that God loves children very much.

### **Parental affection to children**

Affection is a way of respecting and loving all of God's creations both living things and inanimate objects such as loving ourselves based on a deep conscience. Love is a gift of love given by someone to another person, or to the whole family, love is also created because of caring, love, thus creating a sense of affection. Not only the opposite sex partner, love is created but to friends and family. Affection can also unite people who are at loggerheads, there are many positive sides of love. Affection is a factor that is quite important for child's life, love will not be felt by the child if in his life experiencing things such as losing the care of his parents, the child feels unattended, and less loved. Parental love for children can be seen in the following quotations.

“ the father spent a lot of time and tried hard to find the music box, but he could not find it, until christmas eve arrived he was still looking .“  
( chapter 1, page : 18 )

From the excerpt from the data above, in the christmas story , told a man who left his wife dead and he raised his

daughter alone and it can be concluded that father loves his daughter very much. He looked sad when he did not find the gift his daughter wanted, but the father kept looking for the special music box until Christmas Eve arrived, it was proof of parental love for the child. Mother's love for Landon is also shown in the following data quote .

“ a farmer from Duplin country once put the word shit in the blank section and when my mother saw it, she closed my eyes and said a short prayer to apologize for the poor uneducated bastard. “

( chapter 1, page : 21 )

### **Child affection to parents**

Compassion is a feeling that arises in a heart that is sincere to love, and given happiness to others, or anyone he loves. Affectio is expressed not only to lovers but love of God, parents, family, friends and other beings who live on this earth. In another meaning, affection is a feeling that is desired by every person in the world, a mother's affection for her child, instead a child's love for her parents. Affection can also unite people who are at loggerheads, many positive sides of love.

Jamie : “ I certainly have to talk to my father first if he allows , I think I can go “

( chapter 2, page : 54 )

From the excerpt from the data above, it can be seen that Jamie is very respectful of his father, according to Jamie, respecting parents is very important , even asking permission from parents is one thing we must do as children, in this novel, Jamie is invited by Landon to come to the dance party, unable to decide on its own answer, Jamie only answered that Jamie would ask his father

for permission first, if his father would permit then Jamie would go with Landon.

Jamie also did not want to make his father sad because his drama would fail because his main role would be played by Eddie, someone who would be nervous and might confuse the sentence that should be said, therefore Jamie asked Landon to become the role player. It can be seen in the following data quote .

Jamie : “ Jamie really want this drama to be special this year, not for myself but for my father, I want to make it the most memorable show. I knew how much it meant to my father to see me as his angelic character because this drama reminded him of my mother. It would be very sad if this drama failed this year especially I would be involved in this drama “

( chapter 4, page : 86 )

From the data quoted above, Jamie's request for Landon wants to be the main player of the drama because Jamie wants this drama to be special because this drama is a true story of Hegber and Jamie's life and reminds Jamie to his mother.

Jamie : “ the real reason I asked you , this was because my father , he was a good person, Landon. If people laugh at their memories of my mother while I play a role in that drama,,,, well it will break my heart “

( chapter 4, page : 86 )

### **Affection between friends**

Affection is an attitude of mutual respect and love for all God's creations both living things and inanimate objects such as loving ourselves based on a noble

conscience. Compassion is the gift of love given by someone to another person, or to the whole family, affection is also created because of a sense of caring , loving , so that creates sense of affection. Not only the opposite sex partner, love is created but to friends.

Jamie : “ you certainly can not imagine , but all this time I have asked what I can do for those children this year. I have been praying for that for months, because I want this christmas to be the most special. “

( chapter 6, page : 102 )

Jamie who loved everyone, including the orphanage children, had thought for a long time about what she could do for the orphanage children and after eric suggested that Jamie and Landon to practice in front of the children, Jamie was very happy , she could finally do things that can make children feel special. Affection between friends presented in a novel a walk to remember, the work of nicholas sparks is shown by Jamie and his friends, Jamie always motives Landon. Jamie always encourages Landon who is not sure if Landon will do the drama badly. It can be seen in the conversation between Landon and Jamie .

Jamie : “ you are really great today, with your dialogue I mean “

Landon : “ thanks, but I not yet able to animate “

Jamie : “you will be able to. It will not be difficult after you memorize all the dialogues “

Landon : “ I hope so “

( chapter 6, page : 107 )

From the quote above, it can be shown that Jamie is indeed an extraordinary girl, she can make everyone proud of her. she can calm someone's

heart with her words, she also always gives support to other people, for example, giving support to Landon, that Landon will be able to do drama well and can memorize dialogues. Because Jamie always gives love to all creatures and always looks so cheerful. Never say anything bad about anything and anyone, someone all mothers will run out of the house to offer food to Jamie. It can be seen in the following data quote.

All mothers : “ she is a very sweet girl “

( chapter 1, page : 36 )

From the quote above data can be shown that, all adults in this city love her and they praised every time Jamie's appeared in their conversation. They say that Jamie is a very sweet girl, because Jamie always helps everyone who needs help. Jamie has a very commendable character.

### **Helping among others**

According KBBI explained helping to ease the burden suffering or hardship , helping in doing something, which can be in the form of energy, time or financial assistance. According to Dovidio and penner, 2001 , helping is an action that aims to generate profits against other parties.

“people waved from their cars every time they saw someone on the street, knew or not“

( chapter 1, page : 13 )

From the excerpt the data above is an example of helping each other, because in april until october in Beaufort, North Carolina happened in the summer, and

people who were in the car wanted to help those who walked by inviting people to ride with them even though they do not know each other. Helping others is important, because as it is said that humans are social beings who cannot live alone without the help of others. So we must not be selfish and understand each other's circumstances. We must try to feel that there is another person's position.

### **The moral of the main character in the novel a walk to remember**

Moral is something that the author wants to convey to the reader, which is the meaning contained in a literary work and the meaning suggested by the story (Nurgiyantoro, 2009:321).

This means that the author conveys moral messages to the reader through literary works both direct and indirect delivery. Moral figures in literature have the same meaning as moral understanding itself. Moral character is a bad good done by the characters in the literature itself. Here is a proof of the moral character in facing life problems in the novel "a walk to remember".

### **Doing lies**

Lying is a disgraceful thing, but some people do it to protect privacy. According to Wikipedia, lying is a false statement made by someone with the aim of hearing listeners.

"I think that's when I got annoyed again at Jamie, I knew it wasn't his fault, after the training was over I went straight home to immediately forget it and I didn't even care to reread the script. Instead I told Eric and my friends about the ridiculous silliness done by Jamie and

how Miss Garber managed to force me to take part in this drama"

( chapter 5, page : 94 )

From the quote above the data shows that Landon's character did a lie because Eric and his friends laughed at him when they learned that Landon would play the drama with Jamie. To protect himself from being laughed at again and his friends assume that Landon loves Jamie so he wants to play drama with Jamie, because Landon doesn't want to be laughed at, Landon lies by saying that Miss Garber forced him to take part in the drama and he told Jamie a lie who does silliness.

Lies are also done in order to protect others. For example, when someone else asks if he looks beautiful or fat. Most people will lie answering that question to please other people, and so does Landon lie to make Jamie happy.

Jamie : " Landon, this is truly miracle "

Landon : " how many ? "

Jamie : " almost 257 dollars "

Landon : " do you think that is enough ? "

Jamie : " this is truly amazing, last year I only managed to collect 70 dollars "

Landon : " I'm glad this year's results are better, if you don't spread your container earlier this year, you probably won't get that much "

( chapter 9 , page : 155-156 )

### **Being Naughty**

According to Kartono (sociology scientist)naughty or known as juvenile delinquency is a social pathological symptom in adolescents caused by a form of social neglect. As a result, they develop a form of deviant behavior.

“ hegbert is a adultery , old hegbert will stop stepping and his ears will stand up straight. I swear,his ears are really moving, then his face will turn red, as if he just drank gasoline and green veins on his neck will start to bump like the Amazon river in a map of national geographic magazine maps”

( chapter 1 , page : 16 )

when the Landon was young, he always did bad things like teasing hegbert , he said that hegbert is a adultery . Landon is very naughty, his words and actions are not very good.

“my friend and I will sneak out at night and occasionally soap the windshield or eat rabbit beans in the cemetery behind the church”

( chapter 1 , page : 25 )

lazy is a feeling where someone will be reluctant to do something because in his mind already has a negative judgment or lack of desire to do so. Landon is not only naughty but he is lazy to learn so his score is not good. It can be seen in the following data quote.

“I just don't focus on lessons, so my grades aren't good enough to be able to enter Ivy Leagues.”

( chapter 2 , page : 38 )

### **Being Easy to doubt**

Landon :” I don't think I have a chance to win”

( chapter 2 , page : 39 )

Landon, who was given a suggestion by his father to run for chairman of the student organization, felt doubtful that he would not win. That can be seen from the excerpt the data above.

Landon:” Jamie sullivan ? hegbert's daughter ? can't, it's impossible, my friends will definitely bake me alive. but compared to dating my own mother or cleaning up vomit or...”

( chapter 2, page : 47 )

From the quote data above that Landon is hesitant to take Jamie to the dance held at her school, but there is no other choice because all the girls have had a date rather than having to take his mother to the dance party.

“the pessimistic side of me made me assume that it was Carey who would open Jamie's door. I imagined Carey smiling at me with a triumphant face that seemed to say "sorry, brother, you're late”

( chapter 2, page : 50 )

### **Firming stance**

Firm stance has a strong stance that we make as a guide in living life. People who have a firm stance are people who have opinions that are not easily changed. Firm stand that is shown to the character Landon , can be seen In the following quote data.

“and the next morning he went to the principal's office to register his name as a candidate”

( chapter 2 , page : 41 )

From the quote data above that Landon accepts his father's suggestion to run for chairman of the student organization in his school to get additional grades in order to enter Ivy Leagues.

“you will marry later, you will meet someone and you will fit in, and he will ask you to marry him, I am sure your father will be very happy to accompany you to the altar”

( chapter 6, page : 109 )  
as we already know, since getting to know Jamie, we can see the good morale of Landon, the data above shows that Landon is calming Jamie's heart when they are talking about what they want to do in their lives, after Landon asks Jamie what she wants Jamie did, Landon felt ridiculous at Jamie's answer, Jamie replied that she only wanted to get married, but Landon didn't tease or laugh at Jamie's answer, instead Landon tried to make Jamie feel better by saying that someday he would get married and his father would happy.

"I'm doing something right, I know it doesn't mean much, but to be honest, that's the only reason, sometimes I feel happy about my actions, even though I never admit it to anyone.  
I could almost imagine angels in heaven huddled and looked at me with tears floating in the corners of their eyes, talking about how good I was for sacrificing"

( chapter 7 , page : 121 )

About the firmness established in Landon figures can also be seen in the data above. Even though his friends were still mocking him being executed and it had been a long time since the Landon had not enjoyed his free afternoon, Landon did not care if he continued to carry out his drama duties.

Landon : "hello priest, do you have time?"  
Hegbert : " hello, Landon "  
Landon : " can I come in ?"  
Hegbert : " (invite) can I help you ?"  
Landon : " Sir, I want to ask you something"  
Hegbert : " is there anything to do with Jamie?"

Landon : " yes, sir. I want to know if you mind if I invite her to go out for dinner on New Year's Eve?"

Hegbert : " only that ?"

Landon : " yes, sir. I will take her home at whatever time you want it"

Hegbert : " will your parents come with you?"

Landon : " no sir "

Hegbert : " if so I guess that's impossible. but thank you for asking permission first"

( chapter 11, page: 189-190 )

Can be seen from the data above that Landon's steadfastness can be seen when Landon dares to meet with Hegbert to ask his permission to invite Jamie to have dinner outside on New Year's Eve, without anyone telling and without asking Jamie, Landon comes to church to meet hegbert and talk to Hegbert, although at first hegbert gave various questions, Landon answered the question in a firm and courageous manner even though in the end hegbert did not allow them to leave.

Jamie : " I didn't ask you to do this for me, really! if you refuse, I will still pray for you. I promise, but if you can do good deeds for an extraordinary man who means a lot to me, will you consider it?"

Landon : " I don't need to consider it anymore, I'll do it"

( chapter 4, page : 88 )

From the data above shows that Landon's characters have good morals, although at first Landon chose drama class because he thought the class did not occupy him and he could sleep throughout the lesson, but to welcome Christmas hegbert asked for the drama to be played by third graders. , and Jamie

asked Landon to become the main character in the drama and firmly accepted Jamie's request for Landon to be the main character in the drama.

Landon :” priest “

Hegbert :” I want to be alone, I beg you”

Landon :” I want to talk to you, I will not ask for it unless it is really important”

(Landon tells what he wants to do for Jamie)

Hegbert :” (surprised after hearing the Landon's words until he could not speak)”

( chapter 12, page : 241-242 )

From the data above shows that the figure of Landon is a man who is strong and firm in his stand. although at first hegbert did not want to be found, Landon did not care until he expressed his wish that he would marry Jamie.

### **Working hard**

The meaning of the word work hard is to try with all my heart with all my might to try to get the desire to achieve maximum results in general. Hard work is one way that can be used to achieve something positive. The form of love to work hard on novel a walk to remember is shown to Jamie and Landon figures. Can be seen in the following data.

Jamie :” do you remember what you said the last time you drove me home? I've thought about what you can do, do you mind helping me collect pickled bottle bottles and coffee cans that I've spread in various business places throughout the city since the beginning of the year, I put it above the sales booth, usually near the cashier so that people can enter change into it. I don't

want to ask money directly for charity, I want them to give it voluntarily.

Landon :” (he paused, remembering that he and his friend put a paper clip into the container, he felt guilty)

Jamie :” You don't need to do it, I just think because Christmas is near and I don't have a car, I won't have time to gather all of it”

Landon :” no (cut the conversation) I'll do it, anyway I'm not so busy”

( Chapter 9 , page : 150-152 )

From the data above shows that Jamie is a figure who likes to work hard. Even though she was sick but she had put the cans in various places, she also showed a hard work attitude to Landon's character when he helped Jamie to collect the tin cans, Jamie could not collect the tin cans because of the Christmas time that was close and Jamie was not have a car so that the Landon that collects canned cans using his mother's car so they can be collected the cans before Christmas arrives.

### **Being submissive**

Being submissive is an attitude of accepting the situation with sincerity. Submission is the attitude of human trust with God's destiny after humans have made an effort and always pray to God. Submissive shown by Landon figures in a walk to remember novel is as follows.

Landon :” I keep thinking about Jamie, mom . I mean, I know she love me but I do not know if she feels the same way I fell .”

Mother :” does Jamie mean so much to you ?”

Landon :” yes , mom “



Mother :” okay, what you have been trying so far?”

Landon :” what do you mean mom ?”

Mother :” I mean, young girls including Jamie are happy to be made to feel special”

Landon :” I have gone to her house every day”

Mother :” going home is indeed the most special thing to do, but not the most romantic. you should do something that really reveals how you feel about Jamie “

(the mother gives advice to invite Jamie to go to dinner outside)

Landon :” I don't have money anymore”  
( chapter 11,page : 185-187 )

Landon figures can only surrender to the feelings he is experiencing, he can only tell his mother and when his mother advises Landon to invite Jamie to dinner outside, Landon cannot do that because the money he has already spent is donated to an orphanage.

Landon :” I love you Jamie, you're the best thing that ever happened to me”

Jamie :” please don't say that, Landon”

Landon :” but it is true “

Jamie :” I am sorry, I am so sorry “

Landon :” why are you sorry ? what because of my friends and what will they say? I don't care anymore, really”

Jamie :” You can't fall in love with me, Landon. we can still be friends, we can still meet each other, but you can't love me”

( chapter 11, Page : 199-201 )

From the data above shows that Landon tells Jamie that he loves Jamie but Landon must accept the painful reality, Landon can only surrender after knowing the real condition of Jamie.

### **Realizing a mistake**

Realizing that what we have done wrong is a commendable thing and that it is our adult life. the mistakes we have made may be to hurt the feelings of others through our actions or sayings. by realizing that the mistakes we have made will be better, we apologize to the people we have hurt.

Landon :” hello Jamie “

Jamie :” hello Landon “

Landon :” forgive me for everything I said to you last night, I know that all that might hurt you and I was wrong for saying it”

Jamie :” did you serious about what you said last night?”

Landon :” my mood is not good, that's all my emotions sometimes explode just like that”

Jamie :” yes, I understand “

( chapter 8 , page : 138 )

Landon who has uncontrolled emotions will get angry faster, and he has a very high prestige when Eric and his friends know that Landon always takes Jamie home.

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### **CONCLUSION**

After analyzing the main character Landon in the novel “ a walk to remember “ the writers come to the conclusion that Landon has a bad moral value on himself. First, he is very naughty, when Landon in younger, he and his friends were not good like mocking other people even though

the person is old. Second, he is always doing bad things likes sneaking out at night and soaping people's windshield or eating boiled peanuts in the tomb. Third, he is lazy, Landon is lazy to learn, therefore, the grades at school are not good enough. Besides that, it are like lying and easy to despair, Landon is not sure that he will win in running for chairman of the organization. Next, Doubt, Landon was hesitant to take Jamie to the homecoming dance party at his school but when he wanted to take Jamie to the party, he began to doubt that carey had invited Jamie. Besides hesitating Landong was worried because he was asked to meet Hegbert to ask permission to take Jamie to the party. Landon felt anxious when talking with Hegbert. But the writers found another thing that Landon has a bad moral but after getting to know Jamie, Landon has changed for the better, even Landon has a good moral on himself. First, accepting the suggestion, Landon who realize that he cannot master in any field, he finally accepts advice from his father to nominate himself as chairman of the student organization in his school to add value if he wishes to be accepted at UNC. Second, like to work hard, Landon worked hard to help Jamie to collect the cans Jamie had spread. Other than that Landon is a man who is strong and firm in his stand although at first Hegbert did not want to be found , Landon did not care until he expressed his wish that he would

marry Jamie and the last he realize a mistake he had made on Hegbert and Jamie.

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