

Operational Definitions of Character Qualities

<p>ALERTNESS <i>vs. Unawareness</i> Being aware of that which is taking place around me so that I can have the right responses</p> <p>Mark 14:38</p>	<p>ATTENTIVENESS <i>vs. Unconcern</i> Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions</p> <p>Hebrews 2:1</p>	<p>AVAILABILITY <i>vs. Self-centeredness</i> Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to wishes of those I am serving</p> <p>Philippians 2:20-21</p>	<p>BOLDNESS <i>vs. Fearfulness</i> Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God</p> <p>Acts 4:29</p>	<p>CAUTIOUSNESS <i>vs. Rashness</i> Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions</p> <p>Proverbs 19:2</p>	<p>COMPASSION <i>vs. Indifference</i> Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others</p> <p>I John 3:17</p>	<p>CONTENTMENT <i>vs. Covetousness</i> Realizing that God has provided everything that I need for my present happiness</p> <p>I Timothy 6:8</p>
<p>CREATIVITY <i>vs. Under-achievement</i> Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective</p> <p>Romans 12:2</p>	<p>DECISIVENESS <i>vs. Double-mindedness</i> The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God</p> <p>James 1:5</p>	<p>DEFERENCE <i>vs. Rudeness</i> Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those God has called me to serve</p> <p>Romans 14:21</p>	<p>DEPENDABILITY <i>vs. Inconsistency</i> Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice</p> <p>Psalms 15:4</p>	<p>DETERMINATION <i>vs. Faint-heartedness</i> Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's timing regardless of the opposition</p> <p>II Timothy 4:7-8</p>	<p>DILIGENCE <i>vs. Slothfulness</i> Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it</p> <p>Colossians 3:23</p>	<p>DISCERNMENT <i>vs. Judgment</i> The God-given ability to understand why things happen</p> <p>I Samuel 16:7</p>
<p>DISCRETION <i>vs. Simple-mindedness</i> The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences</p> <p>Proverbs 22:3</p>	<p>ENDURANCE <i>vs. Giving-up</i> The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best</p> <p>Galatians 6:9</p>	<p>ENTHUSIASM <i>vs. Apathy</i> Expressing with my spirit the joy of my soul</p> <p>I Thessalonians 5:16,19</p>	<p>FAITH <i>vs. Presumption</i> Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it</p> <p>Hebrews 11:1</p>	<p>FLEXIBILITY <i>vs. Resistance</i> Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others</p> <p>Colossians 3:2</p>	<p>FORGIVENESS <i>vs. Rejection</i> Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me</p> <p>Ephesians 4:32</p>	<p>GENEROSITY <i>vs. Stinginess</i> Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes</p> <p>II Corinthians 9:6</p>
<p>GENTLENESS <i>vs. Harshness</i> Showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others</p> <p>I Thessalonians 2:7</p>	<p>GRATEFULNESS <i>vs. Unthankfulness</i> Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life</p> <p>I Corinthians 4:7</p>	<p>HONOR <i>vs. Disrespect</i> Awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me</p> <p>Proverbs 23:17-18</p>	<p>HOSPITALITY <i>vs. Loneliness</i> Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those God brings into my life</p> <p>Hebrews 13:2</p>	<p>HUMILITY <i>vs. Pride</i> Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for the achievements in my life</p> <p>James 4:6</p>	<p>INITIATIVE <i>vs. Unresponsiveness</i> Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it</p> <p>Romans 12:21</p>	<p>JOYFULNESS <i>vs. Self-pity</i> The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord</p> <p>Psalms 16:11</p>
<p>JUSTICE <i>vs. Fairness</i> Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws</p> <p>Micah 6:8</p>	<p>LOVE <i>vs. Selfishness</i> Giving to others basic needs without having as my motive personal reward</p> <p>I Corinthians 13:3</p>	<p>LOYALTY <i>vs. Unfaithfulness</i> Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve</p> <p>John 15:13</p>	<p>MEEKNESS <i>vs. Anger</i> Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God</p> <p>Psalms 62:5</p>	<p>OBEDIENCE <i>vs. Willfulness</i> Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority</p> <p>II Corinthians 10:5</p>	<p>ORDERLINESS <i>vs. Disorganization</i> Preparing myself and my surroundings so that I will achieve the greatest efficiency</p> <p>I Corinthians 14:40</p>	<p>PATIENCE <i>vs. Restlessness</i> Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it</p> <p>Romans 5:3-4</p>
<p>PERSUASIVENESS <i>vs. Contentiousness</i> Guiding vital truth around another's mental roadblocks</p> <p>II Timothy 2:24</p>	<p>PUNCTUALITY <i>vs. Tardiness</i> Showing high esteem for other people and their time</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 3:1</p>	<p>RESOURCEFULNESS <i>vs. Wastefulness</i> Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard</p> <p>Luke 16:10</p>	<p>RESPONSIBILITY <i>vs. Unreliability</i> Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting me to do</p> <p>Romans 14:12</p>	<p>SECURITY <i>vs. Anxiety</i> Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away</p> <p>John 6:27</p>	<p>SELF-CONTROL <i>vs. Self-indulgence</i> Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit</p> <p>Galatians 5:24-25</p>	<p>SENSITIVITY <i>vs. Callousness</i> Exercising my senses so that I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me</p> <p>Romans 12:15</p>
<p>SINCERITY <i>vs. Hypocrisy</i> Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives</p> <p>I Peter 1:22</p>	<p>THOROUGHNESS <i>vs. Incompleteness</i> Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected</p> <p>Proverbs 18:15</p>	<p>THRIFTINESS <i>vs. Extravagance</i> Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary</p> <p>Luke 16:11</p>	<p>TOLERANCE <i>vs. Prejudice</i> Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity</p> <p>Philippians 2:2</p>	<p>TRUTHFULNESS <i>vs. Deception</i> Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts</p> <p>Ephesians 4:25</p>	<p>VIRTUE <i>vs. Impurity</i> The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's word</p> <p>II Peter 1:5</p>	<p>WISDOM <i>vs. Natural Inclinations</i> Seeing and responding to life situations from God's frame of reference</p> <p>Proverbs 9:10</p>