

Operational Definitions of Character Qualities

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