

# Operational Definitions of Character Qualities

<p><b>TRUTHFULNESS</b> vs. Deception</p> <p>Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts</p> <p>Ephesians 4:25</p>	<p><b>ALERTNESS</b> vs. Unawareness</p> <p>Being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right responses</p> <p>Mark 14:38</p>	<p><b>SELF-CONTROL</b> vs. Self-indulgence</p> <p>Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit</p> <p>Galatians 5:24-25</p>	<p><b>WISDOM</b> vs. Natural inclinations</p> <p>Seeing and responding to life situations from God's frame of reference</p> <p>Proverbs 9:10</p>	<p><b>RESOURCEFULNESS</b> vs. Wastefulness</p> <p>Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard</p> <p>Luke 15:10</p>	<p><b>ORDERLINESS</b> vs. Disorganization</p> <p>Preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency</p> <p>I Corinthians 14:40</p>	<p><b>ATTENTIVENESS</b> 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><b>OBEDIENCE</b> vs. Willfulness</p> <p>Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority</p> <p>II Corinthians 10:5</p>	<p><b>HOSPITALITY</b> vs. Lonliness</p> <p>Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life</p> <p>Hebrews 13:2</p>	<p><b>REVERENCE</b> vs. Disrespect</p> <p>Awareness of how God is working through people and events in my life to produce character in me</p> <p>Proverbs 23:17-18</p>	<p><b>DISCERNMENT</b> vs. Judgement</p> <p>The God-given ability to understand why things happen</p> <p>I Samuel 16:7</p>	<p><b>THRIFTINESS</b> vs. Extravagance</p> <p>Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary</p> <p>Luke 15:11</p>	<p><b>INITIATIVE</b> 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><b>SENSITIVITY</b> 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><b>SINCERITY</b> vs. Hypocrisy</p> <p>Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives</p> <p>I Peter 1:22</p>	<p><b>GENEROSITY</b> vs. Stinginess</p> <p>Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purpose</p> <p>II Corinthians 9:6</p>	<p><b>DILIGENCE</b> vs. Slothfulness</p> <p>Picturing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it</p> <p>Colossians 3:23</p>	<p><b>FAITH</b> vs. Presumption</p> <p>Picturing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it</p> <p>Hebrews 11:1</p>	<p><b>CONTENTMENT</b> vs. Covetousness</p> <p>Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness</p> <p>I Timothy 6:8</p>	<p><b>RESPONSIBILITY</b> vs. Unreliability</p> <p>Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting of me</p> <p>Romans 14:2</p>	<p><b>JUSTICE</b> vs. Fairness</p> <p>Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws</p> <p>Micah 6:8</p>
<p><b>VIRTUE</b> 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 1:5</p>	<p><b>JOYFULNESS</b> vs. Self-pity</p> <p>The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with God</p> <p>Proverbs 15:13</p>	<p><b>THOROUGHNESS</b> vs. Incompleteness</p> <p>Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected</p> <p>Colossians 3:22</p>	<p><b>DISCRETION</b> 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><b>PUNCTUALITY</b> vs. Tardiness</p> <p>Showing high esteem for other people and their time</p> <p>Ecclesiastes 3:1</p>	<p><b>HUMILITY</b> vs. Pride</p> <p>Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for my life achievements in my life</p> <p>James 4:5</p>	<p><b>COMPASSION</b> vs. Indifference</p> <p>Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others</p> <p>I John 3:17</p>
<p><b>BOLDNESS</b> vs. Fearfulness</p> <p>Confidence that what I have to say or do is true, right, and just in the sight of God</p> <p>Acts 4:29</p>	<p><b>FLEXIBILITY</b> 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><b>DEPENDABILITY</b> vs. Inconsistency</p> <p>Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice</p> <p>Psalms 15:4</p>	<p><b>LOVE</b> vs. Selfishness</p> <p>Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward</p> <p>I Corinthians 13:3</p>	<p><b>TOLERANCE</b> 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><b>DECISIVENESS</b> vs. Doublemindedness</p> <p>The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God</p> <p>James 1:5</p>	<p><b>GENTLENESS</b> vs. Harshness</p> <p>Showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others</p> <p>I Thessalonians 2:7</p>
<p><b>FORGIVENESS</b> 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><b>AVAILABILITY</b> 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><b>SECURITY</b> 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><b>CREATIVITY</b> vs. Underachievement</p> <p>Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective</p> <p>Romans 12:2</p>	<p><b>CAUTIOUSNESS</b> vs. Rashness</p> <p>Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions</p> <p>Proverbs 19:2</p>	<p><b>DETERMINATION</b> 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><b>DEFERENCE</b> vs. Rudeness</p> <p>Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those whom God has called me to serve</p> <p>Romans 14:21</p>
<p><b>PERSUASIVENESS</b> vs. Contentiousness</p> <p>Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks</p> <p>II Timothy 2:24</p>	<p><b>ENDURANCE</b> vs. Giving up</p> <p>The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best</p> <p>Galatians 6:9</p>	<p><b>PATIENCE</b> 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><b>ENTHUSIASM</b> vs. Apathy</p> <p>Expressing with my soul the joy of my soul</p> <p>I Thessalonians 5:15, 19</p>	<p><b>GRATEFULNESS</b> vs. Unthankfulness</p> <p>Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life</p> <p>Ephesians 4:25</p>	<p><b>LOYALTY</b> 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><b>MEEKNESS</b> vs. Anger</p> <p>Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God</p> <p>Psalms 62:5</p>