

Operational Definitions of Character Qualities

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