

Encyclopedia of Character Qualities

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- 1. ATTENTIVENESS**—Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions.
- 2. OBEDIENCE**—Fulfilling instructions so that the one I am serving will be fully satisfied and pleased.
- 3. CONTENTMENT**—Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness.
- 4. ORDERLINESS**—Learning to organize and care for personal possessions.
- 5. REVERENCE**—Learning to give honor where it is due, and to respect the possessions and property of others.
- 6. FORGIVENESS**—Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding their past offenses against them.
- 7. GRATEFULNESS**—Making known to others in what ways they have benefitted my life.
- 8. FAITH**—Developing an unshakable confidence in God and acting upon it.
- 9. TRUTHFULNESS**—Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.
- 10. SECURITY**—Structuring my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away.

11. **MEEKNESS**–Learning to live with power under control.
12. **CAUTIOUSNESS**–Seeing future consequences of present actions.
13. **PATIENCE**–Accepting a difficult situation without demanding a deadline to remove it.
14. **DEPENDABILITY**–Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice.
15. **DETERMINATION**–Purposing to accomplish goals in time regardless of the opposition.
16. **PUNCTUALITY**–Showing respect for other people and the limited time that they have.
17. **DISCERNMENT**–The ability to understand why things happen to me and others.
18. **LOYALTY**–Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to others on what is right.
19. **COMPASSION**–Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others by the willingness to bear their pain.
20. **ALERTNESS**–Being aware of the events taking place around me so that I can have the right responses to them.
21. **THRIFTINESS**–Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary.
22. **RESPONSIBILITY**–Knowing and doing what is expected from me.
23. **VIRTUE**–Learning to build personal moral standards which will cause others to desire a more moral life.
24. **TOLERANCE**–Learning to accept others as a valuable individual regardless of their maturity.

25. FAIRNESS (EQUITY)–Looking at a decision from the viewpoint of each person involved.

26. JOYFULNESS–Learning how to lift the spirits of others and to be pleasant regardless of the outside circumstances.

27. WISDOM–Learning to see and respond to life from another’s perspective; the application of knowledge.

28. SELF-CONTROL–Bringing my thoughts, words, actions, and attitudes into constant obedience in order to benefit others.

29. DISCRETION–The ability to avoid words, actions and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences.

30. DILIGENCE–Visualizing each task as a special assignment and using all my energies to accomplish it.

31. ENDURANCE–The inward strength to withstand stress to manage what occurs in my life.

32. DEFERENCE–Limiting my freedom to speak and act in order not to offend the tastes of others.

33. SINCERITY–Eagerness to do what is right without ulterior motives.

34. GENEROUSITY–Realizing that all I have belongs to God and may benefit others.

35. HUMILITY–Seeing the contrast between what is perfect and my inability to achieve it.

36. ENTHUSIASM– Learning what actions and attitudes please others and becoming excited about doing them.

37. INITIATIVE–Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

38. LOVE–Learning to serve the basic needs of others without motive or personal reward.

39. CREATIVITY–Applying wisdom and practical insights to a need or task.

40. DECISIVENESS–Learning to finalize difficult decisions on the basis of what is right.

41. SENSITIVITY–Knowing what words and actions will benefit others.

42. THOROUGHNESS–Realizing that each of our tasks will be reviewed.

43. RESOURCEFULNESS–Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard.

44. FLEXIBILITY–Learning how to cheerfully change plans when unexpected conditions require it.

45. AVAILABILITY–Knowing and doing what is expected of me.

46. HOSPITALITY–Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and my life with those with whom I come in contact.

47. GENTLENESS–Learning to respond to needs with kindness, personal care, and love.

48. BOLDNESS–Demonstrating the confidence that doing what is right will bring ultimate victory regardless of present opposition.

49. PERSUASIVENESS–Using words which cause the listener's spirit to confirm that he is hearing truth.

50. COURAGE–Fulfilling my responsibilities in spite of being afraid.

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