

CHARACTER TRAITS

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• APPRECIATIVE

Expressing thanks to God and others for the ways they have served me.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

• ATTENTIVE

Demonstrating that the person is deserving by giving genuine courtesy and consideration to God's Word or a person's words

Hebrews 2:1 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let *them* slip.

• AVAILABLE

Scheduling my priorities to fit the desires of others.

Matthew 9:9 And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

- **COMMITTED**

Giving the control of my life to the Lord

Psalm 37:5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

- **COMPASSIONATE**

Giving whatever is necessary to meet another's needs without expecting anything in return

1 Peter 3:8 Finally, *be ye* all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, *be* pitiful, *be* courteous:

- **CONCERNED**

Bearing another's burdens with great affection and admiration

Galatians 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

- **CONFIDENT**

Scheduling my priorities to fit the desires of others.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

- **CONSIDERATE**

Thoughtful of others and of their feelings

Philippians 2:4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

- **CONSISTENT**

Not wavering from God's principles

1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

- **CONTENT**

Understanding and accepting that God has provided everything I need for adjusting to circumstances around me.

Philippians 4:11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content.

• COOPERATIVE

Working or dwelling in unity with others

Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

• COURAGEOUS

Demonstrating that God is with me, giving strength and firmness of character, enabling me to endure any trial or danger

Deuteronomy 31:6 Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he *it is* that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

• CREATIVE

Meeting a need or a chore from a different point of view

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- **DECISIVE**

Making all decisions based on the perfect will of God

Joshua 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

- **DEFERENT**

Controlling my privileges and preferences in order not to offend those God has called me to serve (putting their wishes or opinions before mine.)

1 Corinthians 10:33 Even as I please all *men* in all *things*, not seeking mine own profit, but the *profit* of many, that they may be saved.

- **DEPENDABLE**

Being worthy of trust by doing what I said I would do even if it means self-denial

1 Timothy 6:20 O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane *and* vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called:

- **DETERMINED**

Purposing to accomplish God's best regardless of the opposition

1 Corinthians 2:2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

- **DILIGENT**

Seeing a chore (work) as a special assignment from the Lord and doing everything to complete it

Colossians 3:23 And whatsoever ye do, do *it* heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;

- **DISCERNING**

Having the insight and sympathetic understanding into a difficult situation and being able to make an accurate judgment

Ezekiel 44:23 And they shall teach my people *the difference* between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

- **DISCREET**

Forming sound opinions and giving serious attention and thought to

what one is doing especially to details.

Psalm 112:5 A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

- **EFFICIENT**

Accomplishing the greatest productivity by preparing myself and my environment

Ephesians 5:16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

- **EQUITABLE**

Showing justice and impartiality to persons and programs according to God's law

Proverbs 1:3 To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity;

- **FAIR**

Seeing a situation from the viewpoint of each person involved

Matthew 7:12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

• FAITHFUL

Manifesting a true spirit to a person to whom one is bound by a promise, a pledge, honor, or love

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

• FEARLESS

Facing danger with a spirit of determination, for God gives us the spirit of power

2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

• FLEXIBLE

Surrendering or yielding affections to God, not to earthly things that can be changed by others

Colossians 3:13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also *do* ye.

• FORGIVING

Overlooking another's faults by means of expressing to him Christ's

love (responding as if there were no faults)

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- **FRIENDLY**

Extending my life to a friendship by receiving a person with the attitude: What is god doing in his life? How can I help?

Proverbs 18:24 A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

- **GENEROUS**

Using all I have to glorify God because it all belongs to Him

Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

- **GENTLE**

Responding tender-heartedly to the needs of others

2 Timothy 2:24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,

- **HONEST**

Dealing righteously, showing what is right and proper to the Lord and others

2 Corinthians 8:21 Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.

- **HUMBLE**

Recognizing my weakness and showing awareness, as a little child, that God and others are responsible for the accomplishments in my life

1 Peter 5:5-6 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all *of you* be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

- **JOYFUL**

Speaking to myself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in my heart to the LORD as a result of being in agreement with God and others (shows on the face)

Ephesians 5:19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

- **KIND**

Showing a genuine, harmonious attitude toward others

Ephesians 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

- **LOYAL**

Confirming my commitment to a person or cause in time of adversity

John 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

- **MEEK**

Yielding everything to God including the results and thoughts for self

James 3:13 Who *is* a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

- **MERCIFUL**

Having, feeling, and showing more kindness than justice requires

Luke 6:36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

- **OBSERVANT**

Foreseeing and responding correctly and alertly to any situation

Mark 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly *is* ready, but the flesh *is* weak.

- **OPTOMISTIC**

Meditating upon the most hopeful aspects of any situation

Romans 8:25 But if we hope for that we see not, *then* do we with patience wait for *it*.

- **PATIENT**

Accepting a difficult situation with calm endurance without complaining or losing self-control

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set

before us,

- **PEACEFUL**

Yielding self to the LORD for His control, for "He is our peace" (the inner quietness, freedom from disturbance of strife, absence of excitement or confusion)

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

- **PERSEVERANT**

Withstanding stress (the attacks of time and circumstance) to accomplish God's best

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

- **PERSUASIVE**

Motivating and directing others to see issues from God's point of view

2 Timothy 2:25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the

truth;

- **PRUDENT**

Seeing what is likely to happen and giving careful thought in acting and planning

Proverbs 14:15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent *man* looketh well to his going.

- **PUNCTUAL**

Showing respect for God's timing as well as other people's time by being on time or quick to act when a request is made

Ecclesiastes 3:1 To every *thing there is* a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

- **PURPOSEFUL**

Resolving to accomplish a long-range goal and allowing this goal to determine my daily progress

Psalms 119:2 Blessed *are* they that keep his testimonies, *and that* seek him with the whole heart.

- **RESOURCEFUL**

Capable and ready to undertake projects that would overlook or discard

1 Thessalonians 4:11 And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

- **RESPECTFUL**

A feeling of deep respect and honor mixed with wonder, awe, and love for the person that God is using in my life to produce the character of Christ in me

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

- **RESPONSIBLE**

Knowing and doing what is expected of me without superior authority; trustworthy; dependable; reliable; accountable

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

- **SECURE**

Building my every-day life on eternal things which cannot fail or be lost

Job 11:18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig *about thee, and* thou shalt take thy rest in safety.

- **SELF-CONTROLLED**

Ruling my own spirit; instant obedience to the Holy Spirit

1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

- **SINCERE**

Desiring to do what is right with pure motives

Joshua 24:14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

- **SUBMISSIVE**

An inward attitude of yielding to the authority of another

Hebrews 13:17 Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account,

that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

• TACTFUL

Saying and doing the right things (discreet) to avoid undesirable consequences in dealing with people

Colossians 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.

• TEMPERATE

Not being extreme in anyway, especially with regard to appetites

Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

• THANKFUL

Gratitude for actions or gifts God or people have accomplished or given

Colossians 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Philippians 4:6 NASB

- **THOROUGH**

Knowing what will reduce the effectiveness of my work if neglected by doing all that should be done to complete it

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do *it* with thy might; for *there is* no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.

- **THRIFTY**

The prudent managing of resources, work, and the regular putting aside of savings

Isaiah 52:13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

Proverbs 21:20 *There is* treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.

- **TOLERANT**

Accepting others and willing to endure their beliefs and actions with which I do not agree

Romans 14:13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.

- **TRUTHFUL**

Earned trust by accurately stating all known information

Ephesians 4:25 Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.

- **VIRTUOUS**

Conforming to and radiating God's moral principles of purity

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.