

What is Christian Character?

“Character is not something you have; it is something you are that inevitably shows itself in what you do...Character is what you are in the dark” (D. Taylor, D.L.Moody)

Study each verse, noting both strong and weak points regarding your character when compared to God’s Word (1Thes 5:23; 2Tim 3:16-17)

ALERTNESS (Versus: Unawareness) Mark 14:38 ; 1 Peter 5:8.

Ability to anticipate right responses to that which is taking place around me.

ATTENTIVENESS (Versus: Unconcern) Hebrews 2:1; James 1:19

Showing the worth of a person by giving sincere attention to his words

AVAILABILITY (Versus: Self-centeredness) 1 Corinthians 9:22; Philippians 2:20

Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving.

BOLDNESS (Versus: Fearfulness) Acts 4:29; Hebrews 13:6

Confidence that what I have to say or do will result in lasting benefit.

CAUTIOUSNESS (Versus: Rashness) Proverbs 19:2; Proverbs 25:8

Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions.

COMPASSION (Versus: Indifference) 1 John 3:17; Jude 22

Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others

CONTENTMENT (Versus: Covetousness) Philippians 4:11; 1 Timothy 6:8

Realizing God has provided everything I need for my present happiness.

CREATIVITY (Versus: Under-achievement) Romans 12:2; Daniel 1:8, 12

Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective.

DECISIVENESS (Versus: Double-mindedness) Hebrews 11:24-25; James 1:5

The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God.

DEFERENCE (Versus: Rudeness) Romans 14:13, 21

Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those God has called me to serve.

DEPENDABILITY (Versus: Inconsistency) Psalm 15:4; Ecclesiastes 5:4

Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifices.

DETERMINATION (Versus: Faint-heartedness) Philippians 3:14; 2 Timothy 4:7

Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time regardless of the opposition.

DILIGENCE (Versus: Slothfulness) Romans 12:11; Colossians 3:23

Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it.

DISCERNMENT (Versus: Judgment) I Samuel 16:7; John 7:24

Seeing through a surface problem to root causes.

DISCRETION (Versus: Simple-mindedness) Proverbs 21:23; Proverbs 22:3

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

ENDURANCE (Versus: Giving up) Galatians 6:9; 2 Timothy 2:3

The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best.

ENTHUSIASM (Versus: Apathy) 1 Thessalonians 5:16; Acts 8:39

Expressing with my spirit the joy of my soul.

FAIRNESS (Versus: Partiality) Luke 6:31; James 2:1

Looking at a decision from the viewpoint of each person involved.

FAITH (Versus: Presumption) Romans 4:21; Hebrews 11:1

Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it.

FLEXIBILITY (Versus: Resistance) Colossians 3:2

Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which may be changed by others.

FORGIVENESS (Versus: Rejection) Matthew 6:14-15; Ephesians 4:32

Healing others by using their offenses as a means of expressing to them Christ's love.

GENEROSITY (Versus: Stinginess) Proverbs 3:9-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6

Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes.

GENTLENESS (Versus: Harshness) I Thessalonians 2:7; 2 Timothy 2:24

Expressing personal care appropriate to another's emotional need.

GRATEFULNESS (Versus: Unthankful) Philippians 1:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life.

HOSPITALITY (Versus: Loneliness) Philemon 7; Hebrews 13:2

Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those God brings into my life.

HUMILITY (Versus: Pride) Galatians 6:14; James 4:6

Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for the achievements in my life.

INITIATIVE (Versus: Unresponsiveness) Romans 12:21

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

JOYFULNESS (Versus: Self-pity) Proverbs 15:13; Proverbs 29:6

The exultation of my inward being that results from genuine harmony with God and with others.

LOVE (Versus: Selfishness) John 15:12-13; 1 Corinthians 13:3

Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward.

LOYALTY (Versus: Unfaithfulness) John 15:13; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

Using adversity to confirm my commitment to those whom God has called me to serve.

MEEKNESS (Versus: Anger) Proverbs 15:18; Romans 14:19; Psalms 62:5

Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God.

OBEDIENCE (Versus: Willfulness) 2 Corinthians 10:5; 1 Peter 2:18

Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority.

ORDERLINESS (Versus: Disorganization) 1 Corinthians 14:40; Titus 1:5

Preparing myself and my surroundings, so that I will achieve the greatest efficiency.

PATIENCE (Versus: Restlessness) Romans 5:3-4; James 1:3-4

Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it.

PERSEVERANCE (Versus: Giving up) 2 Timothy 3:14; Hebrews 12:2

Continuing steadfastly in a task in spite of difficulty or opposition.

PERSUASIVENESS (Versus: Contentiousness) 2 Corinthians 5:11; 2 Timothy 2:24

Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks.

PUNCTUALITY (Versus: Tardiness) Ecclesiastes 3:1; Ephesians 5:16

Showing high esteem for other people and their time.

RESOURCEFULNESS (Versus: Wastefulness) Luke 16:10; John 6:12

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

RESPONSIBILITY (Versus: Unreliability) Romans 14:12

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me.

REVERENCE (Versus: Disrespect) Psalm 89:7; Proverbs 19:23

Awareness of how God is working through people and events in my life to produce Christ's character in me.

SECURITY (Versus: Anxiety) John 6:27; Philippians 1:6

Structuring my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away.

SELF-CONTROL (Versus: Self-indulgence) Galatians 5:24-25

Instant obedience to the initial prompting of God's Spirit. A. 1 Corinthians 9:27

SENSITIVITY (Versus: Callousness) John 11:33; Romans 12:15

Exercising my senses so that I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me.

SINCERITY (Versus: Hypocrisy) Colossians 3:22; 1 Peter 1:22

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives.

THOROUGHNESS Versus: Incompleteness 1 Timothy 4:14-16

Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected.

THRIFTINESS (Versus: Extravagance) Luke 16:1; Luke 16:11

Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary.

TOLERANCE (Versus: Prejudice) 1 Corinthians 12:24-25; Philippians 2:2

Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity.

TRUTHFULNESS (Versus: Deception) Proverbs 14:25; Ephesians 4:25

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.

VIRTUE (Versus: Impurity) 2 Timothy 2:21; 2 Peter 1:5

The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiates from my life as I obey God's word.

WISDOM (Versus: Natural inclinations - "Old man") Proverbs 9:10; James 3:17

Seeing and responding to life situations from God's frame of reference.

“We also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.” Romans 5:3-4

