The Character Qualities: Working Definitions

**ATTENTIVENESS:** Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions. 
Pro 4:20-21,   Heb 2:1

**BOLDNESS:** Being quick to speak or act at the right time, because I am confident that my words and deeds are important. 
Eph 6:19, 1 Peter 3:15

**BROTHERLY LOVE:** Sincerely caring for others regardless of the circumstance. 
John 13:34

**CHEERFULNESS:** Assisting others to see the benefit in a difficult situation by my encouraging words and bright countenance. 
Prov 15:13, 17:22

**COMMITMENT:** Saying “yes” to God’s goals for me, especially each time I realize how much they will cost me. 
Num 30:16-20, 1 Corin 15:58

**COMPASSION:** To see and respond to the difficult situations of others with their best interests at heart. 
1 John 3:17, John 15:13

**CONSCIENTIOUS:** Taking great care with detail; aware and promoting of what is right. 
Phil 4:8

**CONTENTMENT:** Remembering that God and those in charge of me have provided everything I need for my present happiness. 
Phil 4:12

**COOPERATIVE:** To put the best for the group and its goals ahead of one’s own preferences. 
Phil 2:4
COURAGE: (i.e Moral Courage) Doing what I know is right when I think my friends will disagree or make fun of me. 2 Tim 1:7, Psalm 41:13

DEPENDABILITY: Being reliable and keeping your word, so that others can trust you to do what you say. Rom 14:12

DETERMINATION: Purposing to accomplish God’s goals in God’s timing regardless of the opposition. Eph 4:32

DILIGENCE: Working hard at each task I am given, as though it were a special assignment from the Lord. Col 3:23, Prov 12:24

DISCRETION: Thinking before I speak, remembering that my words can injure me or others. Eph 4:29, Psalm 19:14, Prov 13:3

ENCOURAGING: Quick to recognize and communicate the best in another. 1 Thes 5:11, Heb 3:13, 10:24

ENDURANCE: Not giving up on the goals God and I have, but continuing in faith when I am discouraged or when others want to quit. Eph 6:9, Matt 24:12

ENTHUSIASM: Encouraging others in their work by excitement over the reward that each task has in itself. Heb 10:24

FAIRNESS: Thinking carefully about everybody’s needs before I make a decision and not choosing a certain way, because I like or dislike someone. Luke 6:31, 2 Tim 2:5
**FAITH:** Seeing with my heart what God’s goals are and working for them, even though I can’t see them with my eyes. *Heb 11:1*

**FEAR OF THE LORD:** (Reverence) Remembering that God watches my every thought, word, and deed and that He loves me too much not to correct me for wrong. *2 Cor 7:1, Heb 12:28-29*

**FLEXIBILITY:** Not setting my affections on plans which others may change. *Col 3:2*

**FORGIVENESS:** Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me. *Eph 4:32, Col 3:13, Rom 12:17*

**GENEROSITY:** Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes. *2 Cor 9:6, Luke 12:33, Prov 11:24*

**GRATEFULNESS:** Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life. *1 Cor 4:7*

**HOPE:** A firm assurance regarding things that are unclear and unsure. *Heb 10:23, 11:1 Rom 8:24-25*

**HUMILITY:** Recognizing the true extent to which God and others are responsible for my successes. *2 Chron 7:14, Prov 11:27, Phil 2:3-4, Rom 12:3*

**INITIATIVE:** Seeing a need and doing something about it without being told. *Col 3:23-24, Gal 6:9, Prov 6:6-8*

**INSIGHTFUL:** Able to understand difficult concepts and bring them to light. *Eph 1:17, Psa 19:8*
INTEGRITY: Being honest in all parts of my life, doing the things I say others ought to do. Mark 12:14a, Titus 2:7-9

JOYFULNESS: Choosing to have a glad heart in every circumstance of life. Psalm 68:3, Prov 15:30

KINDNESS: Using gentle words and thoughtful deeds to show how important each person is to God. Luke 6:31, 1 Thes 5:1

LOVE: Always wanting the best to happen to others. 1 John 3:18, Luke 6:27-28, 1 Corin 13 “The Love Chapter”

LOYALTY: Telling others only good about my friends and leaders, especially when I have been upset with them. Titus 3:2

MEEKNESS: Subduing anger by giving my rights and expectations over to the Lord. (Power under control.) Psalm 37:11, James 3:13

OBEEDIENCE: Promptly and cheerfully doing what I am told by those in charge of me. Eph 6:1-4, James 1:22-25

ORDERLINESS: Having everything in it’s place. Ecc 3:1-22, 1 Corin 14:40

PATIENCE: Accepting a difficult situation without giving God a deadline to remove. Col 1:11-12

PEACEMAKING: Refraining from criticizing, complaining or speaking unkindly to or about others. James 3:18, Matt 5:9
**PERSEVERANCE:** Continued effort to do or achieve God's will despite difficulties, failure or opposition. James 1:2-4, 1:12, Heb 10:35-36

**PRUDENCE:** Doing what I know is right regardless of what others may choose to do. Prov 14:8, James 3:17

**PUNCTUALITY:** Showing high esteem for other people and their time. Ecc. 3:1

**PURITY:** Replacing wrong thoughts and words with good ones. Phil 1:9-11, 1 Corin 6:18

**PURPOSEFULNESS:** Avoiding activities that will distract me from goals the Lord and my leaders have given me. Eph 5:15-17

**RESOURCEFULNESS:** Doing better work by finding new ways to use my time and material. Prov 31, Matt 25:14-30

**RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY:** Acting and speaking in a thoughtful way to the special people God has put in charge of me. Prov 10:8, 12:1, 13:13

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Learning and completing what God and those in charge of me expect. 1 Corin 4:2

**SELF-CONTROL:** Remembering how important each small decision is to my character and choosing right actions when I don't feel like it. Rom 12:21, 13:14

**SERVICE:** (Servant hearted, servant leadership) Caring for and meeting the needs of others before caring for myself. Matt 20:25-28, 23:11-12
**SINCERITY:** Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives. 1 Peter 1:22, Matt 6:1, 16:24

**STEWARDSHIP:** The careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one’s care. Matt 25:29

**SUBMISSIVENESS:** Wanting to hear what others believe is best for me, even if it points out my weaknesses. James 4:7, Prov 19:20

**THANKFULNESS:** Telling God and others how they have benefited me. 1 Thes 5:16-18, Col 3:17

**THOROUGHNESS:** Completing the details I do not like on a task as carefully as the parts I enjoy. Prov 13:4

**TOLERANCE:** Accepting others as the Lord accepts me, remembering that He is not finished perfecting them or me. James 2:1, 2:12-13, Matt 7:12, 25:40

**TRUTHFULNESS:** Telling about past events correctly without changing words to make myself look better. Prov 12:22

**VIRTUE (Goodness):** Doing right with such joy that I help my family and friends want to do right also. Gal 6:9, Titus 2:7a, Prov 11:27, Matt 5:16, James 5:17

**WISDOM:** Looking at life’s situations from God’s point of view. James 3:17