

# Godly Character Traits (with references and opposites)

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**Alertness**-being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right response to it- I Sam. 3:1-21 (dullness)

**Attentiveness**-showing the value of a person or thing by focusing completely on their or its situation- I Chronicles 14:8-17 (unconcern)

**Availability**-making my own schedule and priority secondary to the wishes of those I am serving- Isaiah 6:1-13 (self-centeredness)

**Boldness**-confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God- Daniel 3:69-18 (fearfulness)

**Cautiousness**-proceeding in God's timing with things He allows us to do- I Kings 1:5-53 2:10-25 (hastiness)

**Compassion**-perceiving and feeling another person's needs- Acts 2:42-47 (indifference)

**Contentment**: realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness- I King's 17:8-16 (dissatisfaction)

**Creativity**: approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective- II Kings 3:14-24 (tradition)

**Decisiveness**: having the ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God- Joshua 7 (doubled mindedness) states

**Deference**: limiting my liberties in order not to offend the God allowed convictions of others- Genesis 13:5-11 (rudeness)

**Dependability**: fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice- II Samuel 19:24-30 (unfaithfulness)

**Determination**: purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time-regardless of the opposition- Judges 16:4-31-(faint-heartedness)

**Diligence**: visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it- Nehemiah 4:1-23 (slothfulness)

**Discernment**: perceiving differences even in similar things- I Kings 3:1-28 (imperceptiveness)

**Discretion**: avoiding words, actions, and attitudes, which could result in undesirable consequences- John 8 (simple-mindedness)

**Endurance**: the inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best- II Corinthians 11:22-33 (giving up)

**Enthusiasm**: doing everything with all my heart and soul- Joshua 24:1-15 (apathy)

**Faith**: visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it- Genesis 50:24-26 (nearsightedness)

**Faithfulness**: being available to complete obligations- Ruth 1:1-18 (infidelity)

**Flexibility**: not setting my affection on things, ideas, or plans; being willing to allow God or others to change them- Genesis 22:1-14 (rigidity)

**Forgiveness**: clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me- Genesis 45:1-28 (holding a grudge)

**Generosity**: realizing that all I have comes from God and using it as He directs- Genesis 24:1-53 (stinginess)

**Gentleness**: showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others- Luke 10:30-35 (harshness)

**Godliness**: acting in each situation as Christ acted- Genesis 18:17-19 (prideful)

**Goodness**: acting in accordance with God's values in each situation- I Chronicles 29:1-9 (godlessness)

**Gratefulness:** making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life- Luke 1:46-56 (unthankfulness)

**Holiness:** bringing every thought into the obedience of Christ- Luke 1:5-17 (sinfulness)

**Honesty:** treating others as my equals, applying the golden rule- Genesis 43:1-12 (beguiling)

**Hospitality:** cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life- II Kings 4:8-17 (indifference)

**Humility:** realizing that is actually God and others who are responsible for the achievements in my life- I Samuel 9 and 10 (pride)

**Initiative:** recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I asked to do it- I Samuel 14:1-23 (unresponsiveness)

**Joyfulness:** the spontaneous enthusiasm of my soul when it is in fellowship with the Lord- Acts 3:1-11 (sorrow)

**Judgment:** applying scriptural truths to each situation without favoritism- I Kings 3:1-28 (naivness)

**Justice:** uncompromising actions based on God's unchanging laws- Numbers 16:1- 50 (favoritism)

**Kindness:** dealing with others in a way that will show them God's love and compassion- II Samuel 9:1-13 (cruelty)

**Loyalty:** demonstrating at all times my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve- I Samuel 18:1-20:42 (unfaithfulness)

**Love:** giving to others' basic needs without having personal reward as my motive- John 3:14-18 (selfishness)

**Meekness:** yielding my personal rights and expectations to God-(Abishai) I Samuel 26:1-25 (self assertive)

**Mercifulness:** showing kindest to those who were less fortunate than me-I Samuel 24:1-22 (cruel)

**Obedience:** responding immediately to one's authority- Genesis 6:13-22 (self- willfulness)

**Orderliness:** preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency-Numbers 2:1-34 (disorganization)

**Patience:** accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it- Joshua 14:1-15 (hastiness)

**Perceptiveness:** discerning with the senses or mind the conditions of one's surroundings-II Kings 6:8-17 (unobservant)

**Perfection:** having my will in submission to God's will- Job1:1; I Chronicles12:38 (self-willfulness)

**Persuasiveness:** guiding vital truths around others mental roadblocks- Genesis 18:20-33 (dogmatic)

**Punctuality:** showing respect and esteem for others by being on time- Joshua 10:1-15 (tardiness)

**Resourcefulness:** the wise and innovative use of materials or items outside of their normal use- Judges 7:16-23 (wastefulness)

**Responsibility:** knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me-Joshua 1:1-9 (unreliability)

**Reverence:** being submissive to my God-given authorities so he can work through them as- Genesis 18:1-8 (disrespect)

**Sensitivity:** discerning with my spirit and letting it affect my soul has to people's needs and situations- II Kings 4:18-37 (callousness)

**Sincerity:** having a heart without deception in order to advance a good thing- II Samuel 19:31-40 (hypocrisy)

**Submission:** placing my will in obedience to my God given authority- Matthew 17:21-28 (rebelliousness)

**Thankfulness:** realizing that others and God are responsible for what I have and who I am- Luke 17:12-19(pridefulness)

**Thoroughness:** seeing a task to completion so that other tasks can be accomplished without distractions- Genesis 14:21-24 (incompleteness)

**Thriftiness:** not spending that which is not absolutely necessary- Exodus 16:14-36 (extravagance)

**Tolerance:** acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity- II Samuel 19:9-23 (impatience)

**Trusting:** acting in accordance to what wise things others and God have done in the past-Daniel 6:1-16 (suspicious)

**Truthfulness:** accurately reporting information of past events or truths of scripture, science, or any other body of information- Acts 26:1-23 (deception)

**Understanding:** see how details and information work together to produce an effect- II Chronicles 2:1-18 (foolishness)

**Virtue:** spiritual power received from God's holiness by time spent in communion with Him- Exodus 34:29-35 (weakness)

**Wisdom:** seeing and responding to each of life's situations in God's way and in His timing- Genesis 41 (natural inclinations)