## **74. 49 CHARACTER QUALITIES**Copyright 1982, Institute in Basic Life Principles. Used by permission.

QUALITY		DEFINITIONS		
1.	ALERTNESS vs. Unawareness	Being aware of the physical and spiritual events taking place around me so that I can have the right responses to them. (See Mark 14:38.)		
2.	ATTENTIVENESS vs. Unconcern	Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions. (See Hebrews 2:1.)		
3.	AVAILABILITY vs. Self-centeredness	Adjusting my personal responsibilities around the needs of those whom I am serving. (See Philippians 2:20-21.)		
4.	BOLDNESS vs. Fearfulness	Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God. (See Acts 4:29.)		
5.	CAUTIOUSNESS vs. Rashness	Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions. (See Proverbs 19:2.)		
6.	COMPASSION vs. Indifference	Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others. (See I John 3:17.)		
7.	CONTENTMENT vs. Covetousness	Realizing God has provided everything I need for my present happiness. (See I Timothy 6:8.)		
8.	CREATIVITY vs. Under-achievement	Applying God's wisdom and practical insights to a need or task. (See Romans 12:2.)		
9.	DECISIVENESS vs. Double-mindedness	The ability to finalise difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God. (See James 1:5.)		
10.	DEFERENCE vs. Rudeness	Limiting my freedom to speak and act in order not to offend the tastes of others. (See Romans 14:21.)		
11.	DEPENDABILITY vs. Inconsistency	Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice. (See Psalm 15:4.)		
12.	DETERMINATION vs.	Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time regardless of the opposition.		

(See II Timothy 4:7-8.)

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13.	DILIGENCE vs. Slothfulness	Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it. (See Colossians 3:23.)
14.	DISCERNMENT vs. Judgment	The God given ability to understand why things happen to others and to me. (See I Samuel 16:7.)
15.	DISCRETION vs. Simple-mindedness	The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences. (See Proverbs 22:3.)
16.	ENDURANCE vs. Giving up	The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best. (See Galatians 6:9.)
17.	ENTHUSIASM vs. Apathy	Expressing with my spirit the joy of my soul. (See I Thessalonians 5:16-19.)
18.	FAITH vs. Presumption	Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it. (See Hebrews 11:1.)
19.	FLEXIBILITY vs. Resistance	Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or by others. (See Colossians 3:2.)
20.	FORGIVENESS vs. Rejection	Cleaning the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me. (See Ephesians 4:32.)
21.	GENEROSITY vs. Stinginess	Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes. (See II Corinthians 9:6.)
22.	GENTLENESS vs. Harshness	Showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others. (See I Thessalonians 2:7.)
23.	GRATEFULNESS vs. Unthankfulness	Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life. (See I Corinthians 4:7.)
24.	HOSPITALITY vs. Loneliness	Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life. (See Hebrews 13:2.)

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25.	HUMILITY vs. Pride	Seeing the contrast between God's holiness and my sinfulness. (See James 4:6.)	37.	RESOURCEFULNESS vs. Wastefulness	Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard. (See Luke 16:10.)
26.	INITIATIVE vs. Unresponsiveness	Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it. (See Romans 12:21.)	38.	RESPONSIBILITY vs. Unreliability	Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me. (See Romans 14:12.)
27.	JOYFULNESS vs. Self-pity	The result of knowing that God is perfecting His life in others through me. (See Proverbs 15:13.)	39.	REVERENCE vs. Disrespect	Awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me. (See Proverbs 23:17-18.)
28.	JUSTICE vs. Fairness	Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws. (See Micah 6:8.)	40.	SECURITY vs. Anxiety	Structuring my life around what is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away. (See John 6:27.)
29.	LOVE vs. Selfishness	Giving to others basic needs without having personal reward as my motive. (See I Corinthians 13:3.)	41.	SELF-CONTROL vs. Self-indulgence	Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit. (See Galatians 5:24-25.)
30.	LOYALTY vs. Unfaithfulness	Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve. (See John 15:13.)	42.	SENSITIVITY vs. Callousness	Knowing by the prompting of God's Spirit what words and actions will benefit the lives of others. (See Romans 12:15.)
31.	MEEKNESS vs. Anger	Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God. (See Psalm 62:5.)	43.	SINCERITY vs. Hypocrisy	Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives. (See I Peter 1:22.)
32.	OBEDIENCE vs. Willfulness	Fulfilling instructions so that God and the one I am serving will be fully satisfied. (See II Corinthians 10:5).	44.	THRIFTINESS vs. Hypocrisy	Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary. (See Luke 16:11.)
33.	ORDERLINESS vs. Disorganization	Arranging my life and surroundings so that God has maximum freedom to achieve His goals through me.	45.	THOROUGHNESS vs. Incompleteness	Realizing that each of our tasks will be reviewed and rewarded by God. (See Proverbs 18:15.)
34.	PATIENCE vs.	(See I Corinthians 14:40.)  Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to	46.	TOLERANCE vs. Prejudice	Viewing every person as a valuable individual whom God created and loves. (See Philippians 2:2.)
35.	Restlessness PERSUASIVENESS vs.	remove it. (See Romans 5:3-4.) Using words which cause the listener's spirit to confirm that he is hearing truth.	47.	TRUTHFULNESS vs. Deception	Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts. (See Ephesians 4:25.)
36.	Contentiousness PUNCTUALITY vs.	(See II Timothy 2:24.) Showing respect for other people and the limited time that God has given to them.	48.	WISDOM vs. Natural Inclinations	Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference. (See Proverbs 9:10.)
	Tardiness	(See Ecclesiastes 3:1.)	49.	VIRTUE vs.	The influence God is having on others through my life regardless of my past Impurity failures. (See II Peter 1:3.)