

## 49 Godly Character Qualities

1. **Alertness** vs. *Unawareness*  
Being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right response to it (Mark 14:38)
2. **Attentiveness** vs. *Unconcern*  
Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions (Hebrews 2:1)
3. **Availability** vs. *Self-centeredness*  
Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving (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 (Acts 4:29)
5. **Cautiousness** vs. *Rashness*  
Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions (Proverbs 19:2)
6. **Compassion** vs. *Indifference*  
Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others (I John 3:17)
7. **Contentment** vs. *Covetousness*  
Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness (I Timothy 6:8)
8. **Creativity** vs. *Underachievement*  
Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective (Romans 12:2)
9. **Decisiveness** vs. *Double-mindedness*  
The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God (James 1:5)
10. **Deference** vs. *Rudeness*  
Limiting my freedom in order not offend the tastes of those whom God has called me to serve (Romans 14:21)
11. **Dependability** vs. *Inconsistency*  
Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice (Psalm 15:4)
12. **Determination** vs. *Faintheartedness*  
Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time regardless of the opposition (II Timothy 4:7–8)
13. **Diligence** vs. *Slothfulness*  
Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it (Colossians 3:23)
14. **Discernment** vs. *Judgment*  
The God-given ability to understand why things happen (I Samuel 16:7)
15. **Discretion** vs. *Simplemindedness*  
The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences (Proverbs 22:3)
16. **Endurance** vs. *Giving up*  
The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best (Galatians 6:9)
17. **Enthusiasm** vs. *Apathy*  
Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit (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 (Hebrews 11:1)
19. **Flexibility** vs. *Resistance*  
Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others (Colossians 3:2)
20. **Forgiveness** vs. *Rejection*  
Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me (Ephesians 4:32)
21. **Generosity** vs. *Stinginess*  
Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes (II Corinthians 9:6)
22. **Gentleness** vs. *Harshness*  
Showing personal care and concern in meeting the need of others (I Thessalonians 2:7)
23. **Gratefulness** vs. *Unthankfulness*  
Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life (I Corinthians 4:7)

24. **Hospitality** vs. *Loneliness*  
Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life (Hebrews 13:2)
25. **Humility** vs. *Pride*  
Recognizing that it is actually God and others who are responsible for the achievements in my life (James 4:6)
26. **Initiative** vs. *Unresponsiveness*  
Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it (Romans 12:21)
27. **Joyfulness** vs. *Self-pity*  
The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord (Psalm 16:11)
28. **Justice** vs. *Fairness*  
Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws (Micah 6:8)
29. **Love** vs. *Selfishness*  
Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward (I Corinthians 13:3)
30. **Loyalty** vs. *Unfaithfulness*  
Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve (John 15:13)
31. **Meekness** vs. *Anger*  
Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God (Psalm 62:5)
32. **Obedience** vs. *Willfulness*  
Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority (II Corinthians 10:5)
33. **Orderliness** vs. *Disorganization*  
Preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency (I Corinthians 14:40)
34. **Patience** vs. *Restlessness*  
Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it (Romans 5:3-4)
35. **Persuasiveness** vs. *Contentiousness*  
Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks (II Timothy 2:24)
36. **Punctuality** vs. *Tardiness*  
Showing high esteem for other people and their time (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
37. **Resourcefulness** vs. *Wastefulness*  
Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard (Luke 16:10)
38. **Responsibility** vs. *Unreliability*  
Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me (Romans 14:12)
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 (Proverbs 23:17-18)
40. **Security** vs. *Anxiety*  
Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away (John 6:27)
41. **Self-Control** vs. *Self-indulgence*  
Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:24-25)
42. **Sensitivity** vs. *Callousness*  
Exercising my senses so I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me (Romans 12:15)
43. **Sincerity** vs. *Hypocrisy*  
Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives (I Peter 1:22)
44. **Thoroughness** vs. *Incompleteness*  
Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected (Proverbs 18:15)
45. **Thriftiness** vs. *Extravagance*  
Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary (Luke 16:11)
46. **Tolerance** vs. *Prejudice*  
Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity (Philippians 2:2)
47. **Truthfulness** vs. *Deception*  
Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts (Ephesians 4:25)
48. **Virtue** vs. *Impurity*  
The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word (II Peter 1:3)
49. **Wisdom** vs. *Natural Inclinations*  
Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference (Proverbs 9:10)