

G. CHARACTER TRAIT OBJECTIVES

APPRECIATIVE

Expressing thanks to God and others for the ways they have served me

In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

I Thessalonians 5:18

ATTENTIVE

Demonstrating that the person is deserving by giving genuine courtesy and consideration to God's Word or a person's words

Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.

Hebrews 2:1

AVAILABLE

Scheduling my priorities to fit the desires of others

And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he [Jesus] saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

Matthew 9:9

COMMITTED

Giving the control of my life to the Lord

Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

Psalms 37:5

COMPASSIONATE

Giving whatever is necessary to meet another's needs without expecting anything in return (Luke 6:35 - . . . *hoping for nothing again . . .*)

Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous.

I Peter 3:8

CONCERNED

Bearing another's burdens with great affection and admiration

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

CONFIDENT

Having assurance that whatever I say or do will benefit me and others

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

Philippians 4:13

CONSIDERATE

Thoughtful of others and of their feelings

Look [consider] not every man on his own things [interests], but every man also on the things of others.

Philippians 2:4

CONSISTENT

Not wavering from God's principles

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast [constant], unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58

CONTENT

Understanding and accepting that God has provided everything I need for adjusting to circumstances around me

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

Philippians 4:11

COOPERATIVE

Working or dwelling in unity with others

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Psalms 133:1

COURAGEOUS

Demonstrating that God is with me, giving strength and firmness of character, enabling me to endure any trial or danger

Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

Deuteronomy 31:6

CREATIVE

Meeting a need or a chore from a different point of view

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:2

DECISIVE

Making all decisions based on the perfect will of God

And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 24:15

DEFERENT

Controlling my privileges and preferences in order not to offend those God has called me to serve (putting their wishes or opinions before mine)

Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.

I Corinthians 10:33

DEPENDABLE

Being worthy of trust by doing what I said I would do even if it means self-denial

O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called.

I Timothy 6:20

DETERMINED

Purposing to accomplish God's best regardless of the opposition

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

I Corinthians 2:2

DILIGENT

Seeing a chore (work) as a special assignment from the Lord and doing everything to complete it

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.

Colossians 3:23

DISCERNING

Having the insight and sympathetic understanding into a difficult situation and being able to make an accurate judgment

And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Ezekiel 44:23

DISCREET

Forming sound opinions and giving serious attention and thought to what one is doing, especially to details

A good man sheweth favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Psalm 112:5

EFFICIENT

Accomplishing the greatest productivity by preparing myself and my environment

Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:16

EQUITABLE

Showing justice and impartiality to persons and programs according to God's law

To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.

Proverbs 1:3

FAIR

Seeing a situation from the viewpoint of each person involved

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Matthew 7:12

FAITHFUL

Manifesting a true spirit to a person to whom one is bound by a promise, a pledge, honor, or love

Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

I Corinthians 4:2

FEARLESS

Facing danger with a spirit of determination, for God gives us the spirit of power

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

II Timothy 1:7

FLEXIBLE

Surrendering or yielding affections to God, not to earthly things that can be changed by others

Set your affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

Colossians 3:13

FORGIVING

Overlooking another's faults by means of expressing to him Christ's love (responding as if there were no faults)

Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man gave a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

Colossians 3:13

FRIENDLY

Extending my life to a friendship by receiving a person with the attitude: What is God doing in his life? How can I help?

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24

GENEROUS

Using all I have to glorify God because it all belongs to Him

I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Acts 20:35

GENTLE

Responding tenderheartedly to the needs of others

And the servant of the LORD must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.

II Timothy 2:24

HONEST

Dealing righteously, showing what is right and proper to the Lord and others

Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the LORD, but also in the sight of men.

II Corinthians 8:21

HUMBLE

Recognizing my weakness and showing awareness, as a little child, that God and others are responsible for the accomplishments in my life

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time.

I Peter 5:5-6

JOYFUL

Speaking to myself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in my heart to the LORD as a result of being in agreement with God and others (shows on the countenance)

Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the LORD.

Ephesians 5:19

KIND

Showing a genuine, harmonious attitude toward others

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:32

LOYAL

Confirming my commitment to a person or cause in time of adversity

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:13

MEEK

Yielding everything to God including the results and thought for self

Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

James 3:13

MERCIFUL

Having, feeling, and showing more kindness than justice requires

Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.

Luke 6:36

OBSERVANT

Foreseeing and responding correctly and alertly to any situation

Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Mark 14:38

OPTIMISTIC

Meditating upon the most hopeful aspects of any situation

But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

Romans 8:25

PATIENT

Accepting a difficult situation with calm endurance without complaining or losing self-control

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Hebrews 12:1

PEACEFUL

Yielding self to the LORD for His control, for "He is our peace" (the inner quietness, freedom from disturbance of strife, absence of excitement or confusion)

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

PERSEVERANT

Withstanding stress (the attacks of time and circumstance) to accomplish God's best

And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. Galatians 6:9

PERSUASIVE

Motivating and directing others to see issues from God's point of view

In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. II Timothy 2:25

PRUDENT

Seeing what is likely to happen and giving careful thought in acting and planning

The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going. Proverbs 14:15

PUNCTUAL

Showing respect for God's timing as well as other people's time by being on time or quick to act when a request is made

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

PURPOSEFUL

Resolving to accomplish a long-range goal and allowing this goal to determine my daily progress

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Psalm 119:2

RESOURCEFUL

Capable and ready to undertake projects that others would overlook or discard

And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you. I Thessalonians 4:11

RESPECTFUL

A feeling of deep respect and honor mixed with wonder, awe, and love for the person that God is using in my life to produce the character of Christ in me

And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the LORD, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly for their word's sake. And be at peace among yourselves. I Thessalonians 5:12-13

RESPONSIBLE

Knowing and doing what is expected of me without superior authority; trustworthy; dependable; reliable; accountable

So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Romans 14:12

SECURE

Building my every day life on eternal things which cannot fail or be lost

And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety. Job 11:18

SELF-CONTROLLED

Ruling my own spirit; instant obedience to the Holy Spirit

Abstain from all appearance of evil. I Thessalonians 5:22

SINCERE

Desiring to do what is right with pure motives

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

Joshua 24:14

SUBMISSIVE

An inward attitude of yielding to the authority of another

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

TACTFUL

Saying and doing the right things (discreet) to avoid undesirable consequences in dealing with people

Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man. Colossians 4:6

TEMPERATE

Not being extreme in any way, especially with regard to appetites

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world. Titus 2:12

THOROUGH

Knowing what will reduce the effectiveness of my work if neglected but doing all that should be done to complete it

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. Ecclesiastes 9:10

THRIFTY

The prudent managing of resources, work, and the regular putting aside of savings

Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. Isaiah 52:13

There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up. Proverbs 21:20

TOLERANT

Accepting others and willing to endure their beliefs and actions with which I do not agree

Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way. Romans 14:13

TRUTHFUL

Earned trust by accurately stating all known information

Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Ephesians 4:25

VIRTUOUS

Conforming to and radiating God's moral principles of purity

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Philippians 4:8