

## **36 Godly Character Traits - Watermark Community Church**

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<b>CHARACTER TRAIT</b>	<b>DEFINITION</b>	<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>
<b>RESPECT</b>	Honoring what God says is true about Himself, others and you	"Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king." <b>1 Peter 2:17</b>
<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>	Being someone that God can count on	"Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won't need to compare yourself to anyone else. For we are each responsible for our own conduct. <b>Galatians 6:4-5</b>
<b>FEAR</b>	Having the right view of God's perfect justice, grace and authority	"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you? He requires only that you fear the Lord your God, and live in a way that pleases Him, and love Him and serve Him with all your heart and soul." <b>Deuteronomy 10:12</b>
<b>FAITH</b>	Trusting in God, His Word and His Promises	"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see." <b>Hebrews 11:1</b>
<b>WISDOM</b>	An understanding of God's truth that guides your actions	"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey His commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!" <b>Psalms 111:10</b>
<b>RIGHTEOUSNESS</b>	Being declared right in God's sight; no matter who you are or what you've done	"But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners." <b>Romans 4:5</b>
<b>DILIGENCE</b>	Consistently working with all your heart to bring glory to God	"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." <b>1 Corinthians 15:58 NIV</b>
<b>GOODNESS</b>	A heart that reflects the excellent character of God	"A good person produces good things from the treasury of a good heart, and an evil person produces evil things from the treasury of an evil heart. What you say flows from what is in your heart." <b>Luke 6:45</b>
<b>CONSISTENCY</b>	Doing what pleases God... each time, every time, for a long time	"You have charged us to keep your commandments carefully. Oh, that my actions would consistently reflect your decrees! Then I will not be ashamed when I compare my life with your commands." <b>Psalms 119:4-6</b>
<b>HUMILITY</b>	Living with the right understanding of who God is, who I am and who you are	"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." <b>Philippians 2:3-4</b>
<b>PEACE</b>	An untroubled heart that comes from trusting God	"I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." <b>John 14:27</b>
<b>SERVICE</b>	Seeing a need and meeting it out of a heart for God	"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give His life as a ransom for many." <b>Mark 10:45</b>
<b>INITIATIVE</b>	Taking wise action without being told	"Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions." <b>Matthew 7:20</b>
<b>DISCERNMENT</b>	Seeking God's direction before acting	"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do, and He will show you which path to take." <b>Proverbs 3:5-6</b>
<b>THANKFULNESS</b>	A grateful heart that comes from trusting God	"Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus." <b>1 Thessalonians 5:16-18</b>
<b>PURITY</b>	A life that reflects a heart washed clean by God	"Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." <b>Psalms 51:10 NIV</b>
<b>JOY</b>	Delighting in God in all circumstances	"Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!" <b>Philippians 4:4</b>

LOVE	Is...	"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." <b>1 Corinthians 13:4-8a</b>
TRUSTWORTHY	Being dependable without a doubt	"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise." <b>Hebrews 10:23</b>
PATIENCE	Trusting and waiting for God in all things	Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness while I am here in the land of the living. Wait patiently for the Lord. Be brave and courageous. Yes, wait patiently for the Lord." <b>Psalms 27:13-14</b>
OBEDIENCE	Following God's commands His way, right away, all the way	"Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them." <b>John 14:21</b>
GENTLENESS	Responding in a kind and careful way	"Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowances for each other's faults because of your love." <b>Ephesians 4:2</b>
HOPE	Having confidence in God's promises	"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." <b>Romans 15:13</b>
COURAGE	Living without fear because God is in control	"So be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid and do not panic before them. For the Lord your God will personally go ahead of you. He will neither fail you nor abandon you." <b>Deuteronomy 31:6</b>
KNOWLEDGE	Gaining understanding of the truth	"Fear of the Lord is the foundation of wisdom. Knowledge of the Holy One results in good judgment." <b>Proverbs 9:10</b>
INTEGRITY	Following God inside, outside, and everywhere	"People with integrity walk safely, but those who follow crooked paths will slip and fall." <b>Proverbs 10:9</b>
GENEROSITY	Joyfully sharing what God has given you	"The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed." <b>Proverbs 11:25</b>
PURPOSE	Intentionally living for God	"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men." <b>Colossians 3:23</b>
SELF-CONTROL	Giving up my way for God's way	"A person without self-control is like a city with broken-down walls." <b>Proverbs 25:28</b>
KINDNESS	An action that shows you care	"Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you." <b>Ephesians 4:32</b>
PERSEVERANCE	Go the distance, stay the course, even when it's tough	"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." <b>Hebrews 12:1</b>
MERCY	Forgiving others when they don't deserve it	"But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness." <b>Psalms 86:15</b>
HONESTY	Telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth	"The Lord detests lying lips, but He delights in those who tell the truth." <b>Proverbs 12:22</b>
CONTENTMENT	Being satisfied with yourself, stuff and circumstances	"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." <b>Philippians 4:12</b>
STEWARDSHIP	Honoring God with all He has given you	"Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise." <b>Psalms 37:15</b>
LEADERSHIP	Guiding others to follow God as you follow Him	"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." <b>1 Corinthians 11:1</b>