

## **The Character Traits Of Christ**

### **1. Humility** *vs. Pride*

Recognizing that it is actually God and others who are responsible for the achievements in my life

(James 4:6) But He gives more grace. For this reason it says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

Goes with Command of Christ #1. Repent

### **2. Meekness** *vs. Anger*

Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God

(Psalm 62:5) My soul, wait silently for God, for my hope is from Him.

Goes with Command of Christ #2. Follow Me

### **3. Joyfulness** *vs. Self-pity*

The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord

(Psalm 16:11) You will make known to me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Goes with Command of Christ #3. Rejoice

### **4. Generosity** *vs. Stinginess*

Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes

(II Corinthians 9:6) But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

Goes with Command of Christ #4. Let Your Light Shine

## **5. Love vs. Selfishness**

Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward

(I Corinthians 13:3) If I give all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, and have not love, it profits me nothing.

Goes with Command of Christ #5. Honor God's Law

## **6. Responsibility vs. Unreliability**

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me

(Romans 14:12) So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Goes with Command of Christ #6. Be Reconciled

## **7. Self-Control vs. Self-indulgence**

Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit

(Galatians 5:24–25) Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Goes with Command of Christ #7. Do Not Commit Adultery

## **8. Truthfulness vs. Deception**

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts

(Ephesians 4:25) Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

Goes with Command of Christ #8. Keep Your Word

## **9. Deference vs. Rudeness**

Limiting my freedom in order not offend the tastes of those whom God has called me to serve

(Romans 14:21) It is better not to eat meat or drink wine or to do anything else that will cause your brother or sister to fall.

Goes with Command of Christ #9. Go the Second Mile

### **10. Creativity** vs. *Underachievement*

Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective

(Romans 12:2) Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Goes with Command of Christ #10. Love Your Enemies

### **11. Sincerity** vs. *Hypocrisy*

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

(I Peter 1:22) Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

Goes with Command of Christ #11. Be Perfect

### **12. Faith** vs. *Presumption*

Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it

(Hebrews 11:1) Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Goes with Command of Christ #12. Practice Secret Disciplines

### **13. Thriftiness** vs. *Extravagance*

Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary

(Luke 16:11) So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

Goes with Command of Christ #13. Lay Up Treasures

### **14. Initiative** vs. *Unresponsiveness*

Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it

(Romans 12:21) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Goes with Command of Christ #14. Seek God's Kingdom

### **15. Discernment** vs. *Judgment*

The God-given ability to understand why things happen

(I Samuel 16:7) But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

Goes with Command of Christ #15. Judge Not

### **16. Discretion** vs. *Simplemindedness*

The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences

(Proverbs 22:3) The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty.

Goes with Command of Christ #16. Do Not Cast Pearls

### **17. Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness**

Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard

(Luke 16:10) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

Goes with Command of Christ #17. Ask, Seek, and Knock

### **18. Sensitivity vs. Callousness**

Exercising my senses so I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me

(Romans 12:15) Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

Goes with Command of Christ #18. Do Unto Others

### **19. Decisiveness vs. Double-mindedness**

The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God

(James 1:5) If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Goes with Command of Christ #19. Choose the Narrow Way

### **20. 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) Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Goes with Command of Christ #20. Beware of False Prophets

## **21. Compassion** vs. *Indifference*

Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others

(I John 3:17) If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Goes with Command of Christ #21. Pray for Laborers

## **22. Wisdom** vs. *Natural Inclinations*

Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference

(Proverbs 9:10) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Goes with Command of Christ #22. Be Wise as Serpents

## **23. 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) Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.

Goes with Command of Christ #23. Fear Not

## **24. Attentiveness** vs. *Unconcern*

Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions

(Hebrews 2:1) We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away.

Goes with Command of Christ #24. Hear God's Voice

## **25. Obedience** vs. *Willfulness*

Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority

(II Corinthians 10:5) We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

Goes with Command of Christ #25. Take My Yoke

## **26. Reverence/Honor** 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) Do not let your heart envy sinners, but always be zealous for the fear of the Lord. There is surely a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off.

Goes with Command of Christ #26. Honor Your Parents

## **27. 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) His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

Goes with Command of Christ #27. Beware of Leaven

## **28. Determination** vs. *Faintheartedness*

Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time regardless of the opposition

(II Timothy 4:7–8) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Goes with Command of Christ #28. Deny Yourself

### **29. Tolerance vs. Prejudice**

Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity

(Philippians 2:2) then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Goes with Command of Christ #29. Despise Not Little Ones

### **30. Justice vs. Fairness**

Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws  
(Micah 6:8) He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you. To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Goes with Command of Christ #30. Go To Offenders

### **31. Contentment vs. Covetousness**

Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness

(I Timothy 6:8) But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.

Goes with Command of Christ #31. Beware of Covetousness

### **32. Forgiveness vs. Rejection**

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me



(Ephesians 4:32) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Goes with Command of Christ #32. Forgive Offenders

### **33. 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) Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Goes with Command of Christ #33. Honor Marriage

### **34. Availability vs. Self-centeredness**

Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving

(Philippians 2:20–21) I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.

Goes with Command of Christ #34. Be a Servant

### **35. Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness**

Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks

(II Timothy 2:24) And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.

Goes with Command of Christ #35. Be a House of Prayer

### **36. Patience vs. Restlessness**

Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it

(Romans 5:3–4) Not only so, but we[a] also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Goes with Command of Christ #36. Ask in Faith

### **37. Hospitality** vs. *Loneliness*

Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life

(Hebrews 13:2) Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

Goes with Command of Christ #37. Bring in the Poor

### **38. Gratefulness** vs. *Unthankfulness*

Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life

(I Corinthians 4:7) For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?

Goes with Command of Christ #38. Render to Caesar

### **39. Enthusiasm** vs. *Apathy*

Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit

(I Thessalonians 5:16) Rejoice always,

(I Thessalonians 5:19) Do not quench the Spirit.

Goes with Command of Christ #39. Love the Lord

#### **40. Gentleness** *vs. Harshness*

Showing personal care and concern in meeting the need of others

(I Thessalonians 2:7-8) Instead, we were like young children among you.

Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Goes with Command of Christ #40. Love Your Neighbor

#### **41. Punctuality** *vs. Tardiness*

Showing high esteem for other people and their time

(Ecclesiastes 3:1) There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

Goes with Command of Christ #41. Await My Return

#### **42. Thoroughness** *vs. Incompleteness*

Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected

(Proverbs 18:15) The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out.

Goes with Command of Christ #42. Take, Eat, and Drink

#### **43. Security** *vs. Anxiety*

Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away

(John 6:27) Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Goes with Command of Christ #43. Be Born Again

#### **44. Diligence** vs. *Slothfulness*

Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it

(Colossians 3:23) Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Goes with Command of Christ #44. Keep My Commandments

#### **45. Endurance** vs. *Giving up*

The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best

(Galatians 6:9) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Goes with Command of Christ #45. Watch and Pray

#### **46. Dependability** vs. *Inconsistency*

Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice

(Psalm 15:4) who despises a vile person but honors those who fear the Lord;  
who keeps an oath even when it hurts, and does not change their mind;

Goes with Command of Christ #46. Feed My Sheep

#### **47. Cautiousness** vs. *Rashness*

Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions

(Proverbs 19:2) Desire without knowledge is not good— how much more will hasty feet miss the way!

Goes with Command of Christ #47. Baptize My Disciples

**48. Orderliness** vs. *Disorganization*

Preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency

(I Corinthians 14:40) But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

Goes with Command of Christ #48. Receive God's Power

**49. Flexibility** vs. *Resistance*

Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others

(Colossians 3:2) Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Goes with Command of Christ #49. Make Disciples