

Character Qualities to Teach our Children

Obedience-Doing what is expected of me cheerfully, immediately, and thoroughly-Colossians 3:20

Attentiveness-Listening with the ears, eyes and heart-Proverbs 15:31

Honor-Viewing and treating others as a special creation of God- I Peter 2:17

Kindness-Treating others as you would like to be treated by them-Ephesians 4:32

Courage-Standing alone for righteousness and yielding my fears to God-Joshua 1:9

Joyfulness-Is choosing to have a good attitude even when circumstances are tough to bear-Philippians 4:4

Initiative-Seeing a need and taking responsibility to meet it without being asked-Ephesians 2:10, Ecclesiastes 9:10

Alertness-Being keenly aware of what is taking place around me so I can be prepared with a right response -I Peter 5:8

Deference-To hold others in esteem and give them first choice-Philippians 2:3

Gratefulness-Realizing that God has given me all I need and being appreciative to God and others-Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:6

Dependability-Honoring your word and responsibilities even if it means unexpected sacrifice-Psalm 15:3

Gentleness-Responding to others in a kind, understanding manner-Galatians 5:22, 2 Timothy 2:24

Decisiveness-The ability to make wise deliberate decisions based on God's standards-James 1:6

Discernment-Ability to identify subtle untruths or motives-Hebrews 4:12

Self-Control-Subjecting my own desire to the control of the Holy Spirit-
Proverbs 25:28

Truthfulness-Trustworthiness by accurately reporting the facts-Proverbs
8:6,7

Humility-Acknowledging that any good I have achieved is a gift from God
and my life is to be used as in instrument in His hand-Micah 6:8

Diligence-Viewing each task given to me as a special duty and putting forth
the effort to do my very best-Colossians 3:17

Loyalty-Committed to the welfare of those I serve even to the detriment of
my own comforts-Proverbs 20:6

Orderliness-Managing my life and my belongings in order to reach
maximum potential-I Corinthians 14:40

Flexibility-Cheerfully being willing to change my plans when circumstances
beyond my control require it-Philippians 4:6-7

Boldness-Facing confrontations with the assurance that God will bless the
outcome if I'm standing firm for truth-Proverbs 28:1

Generosity-Giving unselfishly to the needs of others-Luke 6:38

Meekness-Yielding my expectations (rights) to God without getting angry-
Psalm 25:9

Patience-Waiting for God's timing with a happy heart-Hebrews 12:1

Persuasiveness-Skillfully handling truths to lead others in a right path-Acts
28:23

Resourcefulness-Using things which others might discard in a creative way-
Colossians 3:23-24

Sensitivity-The ability of putting yourself in another's shoes and trying to see life from his point of view-Colossians 3:12

Forgiveness-Picturing how Jesus died on the cross for my sins so that God's love can flow through me to others who have wronged me-Colossians 3:13

Enthusiasm-Expressing joy in each job I am given to do-Colossians 3:23, Philippians 4:4

Hospitality-Making those who visit our home feel comfortable-Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2

Discretion-Avoid any words, actions or attitudes that could give the appearance of evil-Proverbs 1:11.12

Honesty-Speaking the truth in all situations-Colossians 3:9

Love-Giving unselfishly of myself to the needs of others-I John 3:18

Prudence-Exercising caution in all situations; foreseeing the consequences of my actions-Proverbs 22:3

Punctuality-Being prompt in all commitments, honoring the time of others-Colossians 4:5

Respectfulness-Treating others with honor and esteem-Philippians 2:3

Thoroughness-Bringing to completion each task I do with excellence-Ecclesiastes 7:8

Tolerance-Giving others room to grow at different rates as God leads them-I Corinthians 8:12-13

Virtue-Maintaining moral excellence and setting godly standards-II Peter 1:5

Wisdom-Learning to see life from God's point of view-Psalm 90:12

Endurance-The inward strength to endure tribulation with determination -
I Peter 2:20-21, Philippians 4:5

Availability-Being willing to attend to a need when I am called to help-
Isaiah 6:8

Contentment-Realizing that God has given me all I need for my present
happiness-Philippians 4:11-12

Compassion-Being willing to expend effort to help alleviate the suffering of
those in need-Proverbs 3:27

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