

# CHARACTER PRECEPTS!®

## 49 Character Qualities in alphabetical order

### **Alertness** vs. Carelessness

Being aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right responses

### **Attentiveness** vs. Distraction

Showing the worth of a person or task by giving my undivided concentration

### **Availability** vs. Self-Centeredness

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

### **Benevolence** vs. Selfishness

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

### **Boldness** vs. Fearfulness

Confidence that what I have to say or do is true, right, and just

### **Cautiousness** vs. Rashness

Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions

### **Compassion** vs. Indifference

Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others

### **Contentment** vs. Covetousness

Realizing that true happiness does not depend on material conditions

### **Creativity** vs. Underachievement

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

### **Decisiveness** vs. Procrastination

The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions

### **Deference** vs. Rudeness

Limiting my freedom so I do not offend the tastes of those around me

### **Dependability** vs. Inconsistency

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

### **Determination** vs. Faintheartedness

Purposing to accomplish right goals at the right time, regardless of the opposition

### **Diligence** vs. Slothfulness

Investing my time and energy to complete each task assigned to me

### **Discernment** vs. Shortsightedness

Understanding the deeper reasons why things happen

### **Discretion** vs. Simplemindedness

Recognizing and avoiding words, actions, and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences

### **Endurance** vs. Discouragement

The inward strength to withstand stress and do my best

### **Enthusiasm** vs. Apathy

Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort

### **Faith** vs. Presumption

Confidence that actions rooted in good character will yield the best outcome, even when I cannot see how

### **Flexibility** vs. Resistance

Willingness to change plans or ideas without getting upset

### **Forgiveness** vs. Rejection

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and not holding a grudge

### **Generosity** vs. Stinginess

Carefully managing my resources so I can freely give to those in need

### **Gentleness** vs. Harshness

Showing consideration and personal concern for others

### **Gratefulness** vs. Unthankfulness

Letting others know by my words and actions how they have benefited my life

### **Honor** vs. Disrespect

Respecting others because of the higher authorities they represent

### **Hospitality** vs. Loneliness

Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, or conversation to benefit others

### **Humility** vs. Arrogance

Acknowledging that achievement results from the investment of others in my life

### **Initiative** vs. Idleness

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

### **Joyfulness** vs. Self-Pity

Maintaining a good attitude, even when faced with unpleasant conditions

### **Justice** vs. Corruption

Taking personal responsibility to uphold what is pure, right, and true

### **Loyalty** vs. Unfaithfulness

Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to those I serve

### **Meekness** vs. Anger

Yielding my personal rights and expectations with a desire to serve

### **Obedience** vs. Willfulness

Quickly and cheerfully carrying out the direction of those who are responsible for me

### **Orderliness** vs. Confusion

Arranging myself and my surroundings to achieve greater efficiency

### **Patience** vs. Restlessness

Accepting a difficult situation without giving a deadline to remove it

### **Persuasiveness** vs. Contentiousness

Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks

### **Punctuality** vs. Tardiness

Showing esteem for others by doing the right thing at the right time

### **Resourcefulness** vs. Wastefulness

Finding practical uses for that which others would overlook or discard

### **Responsibility** vs. Unreliability

Knowing and doing what is expected of me

### **Security** vs. Anxiety

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

### **Self-Control** vs. Self-Indulgence

Rejecting wrong desires and doing what is right

### **Sensitivity** vs. Callousness

Perceiving the true attitudes and emotions of those around me

### **Sincerity** vs. Hypocrisy

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives

### **Thoroughness** vs. Incompleteness

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

### **Thriftness** vs. Extravagance

Allowing myself and others to spend only what is necessary

### **Tolerance** vs. Prejudice

Realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development

### **Truthfulness** vs. Deception

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts

### **Virtue** vs. Impurity

The moral excellence evident in my life as I consistently do what is right

### **Wisdom** vs. Foolishness

Seeing and responding to life situations from a perspective that transcends my current circumstances

