

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 an 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-

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