

# CHARACTER FIRST!<sup>®</sup>

## 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

