

# Character Determines SUCCESS!

## **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

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## **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 according to the direction of my authorities

## **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 those in leadership because of the higher authorities they represent

## **HOSPITALITY** vs. *Loneliness*

Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, or conversation to benefit others

## **HUMILITY** vs. *Pride*

Acknowledging that my 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

## **THRIFTINESS** 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

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Notes/Action Items

Remember:

- Emphasize character
- Mention achievement
- Avoid comparison

Be as specific as possible.  
Point out times, places,  
words, actions, and  
attitudes.

## Character Recognition Worksheet

1. Select a family member, coworker, or student whose character you would like to recognize.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Fill in the *Three Steps of Praise* below.

### 1. Definition

Select a character quality that this person demonstrated, and give the definition.

Quality: \_\_\_\_\_

Definition: \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. Illustration

Give a specific illustration of how this character quality was demonstrated.

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### 3. Benefit

Share how demonstrating this character quality was a benefit to you and/or others.

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## *What Character Qualities are Needed?*

1. *Scripture verse: "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."*
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2. *Hero's of the Faith/child's song:  
"Dare to be a Daniel, Dare to stand alone! Dare to  
have a purpose firm! Dare to make it known."*
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3. *Bible story: The Good Samaritan.*
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4. *History story: George Washington and the cherry  
tree*
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5. *Movie: "Bambi"*
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6. *Song: "Mary Had a Little Lamb"*
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7. *Games: "Hide and Seek"*
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