**Christian Character Qualities and Their Opposites**

**Character**- Ones moral strength; a description of a person's qualities or lack thereof;

The built-in complex of attributes that determines a person's principles of right and wrong and accepted standards of social or professional behavior and the conformity to them.

“Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.” ***Romans 14: 22-23***

***Truthfulness -*** Corresponding with truth; inclined to tell the truth; sincere.

***Deception*** - The act of deceiving or state of being deceived; that which deceives or is done with the intent to deceive; fraud; a trick or sham.

***Correction*** - Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts.

***Scripture*** - “Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.” ***Ephesians 4:25***

***Alertness*** - On watch; vigilant; active; awake; aware; open-eyed; prompt; ready; responsive.

***Unawareness*** - Paying no attention; ignorant.

***Correction*** - Being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right responses.

***Scripture*** - “Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.” ***Mark 14:38***

***Self-Control*** - Control of one's self and one's passions.

***Self- indulgence*** - gratification of one's own desires; appetites.

***Correction*** - Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God’s Spirit.

***Scripture*** - “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” ***Galatians 5:24, 25***

***Wisdom*** - Sagacity; prudence; good judgment; great learning.

***Natural inclinations*** - A leaning or tendency of the mind; propensity; proneness; All of these are used to designate the state of the will toward an object.

***Correction*** - Seeing and responding to life situations from God’s frame of reference

***Scripture*** - “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” ***Proverbs 9:10***

***Resourcefulness*** - Being full of resource or having resources; a source of help or supply.

***Wastefulness*** - Spending or using with extravagance.

***Correction*** - Wise use of that which others would normally over-look or discard.

***Scripture*** - “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.” ***Luke 16:10***

***Orderliness*** - In good order; well arranged; tidy.

***Disorganization*** - Out of order; in a state of confusion; untidy; unruly; offending public order of morals or safety.

***Correction*** - Preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency.

***Scripture*** - “Let all things be done decently and in order.” ***1 Corinthians 14:40***

***Attentiveness*** - Alertly observant; heedful; courteous or considerate.

***Unconcern*** - Indifference; lack of interest; Anxiety.

***Correction*** - Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions.

***Scripture*** - “Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.” ***Hebrews 2:1***

***Obedience*** - Submission to authority; the act of obeying commands.

***Willfulness*** - done deliberately; unyielding; stubborn; wayward; unruly; self-willed; headstrong.

***Correction*** - Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority.

***Scripture*** - “But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.” ***2 Corinthians 10:13***

***Hospitality*** - The practice of entertaining visitors with kindness and courtesy.

***Loneliness*** - Deserted; unfrequented; depressed because lacking companionship.

***Correction*** - Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life.

***Scripture*** - “Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” ***Hebrews 13:2***

***Reverence*** - Deep respect with awe and affection; worship; adoration.

***Disrespect*** - Want of respect; impoliteness; to show discourtesy to.

***Correction*** - Awareness of how God is working through people and events in my life to produce character in me.

***Scripture*** - “Let not thine heart envy sinners: but be thou in the fear of the LORD all the day long. For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off.” ***Proverbs 23:17, 18***

***Discernment*** - To understand a distinction; to distinguish with the eye or mind; detect.

***Judgment*** - to make a critical estimate of; heedlessness; recklessness.

***Correcton*** - The God-given ability to understand why things happen.

***Scripture*** - “But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.” ***1 Samuel 16:7***

***Thriftiness*** - Frugal; economical; careful in management.

***Extravagance*** - excess of anything; wasteful; exceeding reasonable limits; excessive.

***Correction*** - Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary.

***Scripture*** - “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?” ***Luke 16:10-11***

***Initiative*** - The ability to originate; courage and energy for new undertakings.

***Unresponsiveness*** - Slow to react; unsympathetic.

***Correction*** - Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it.

***Scripture*** - “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” ***Romans 12:21***

***Sensitivity*** - Having any of the physical faculties of perception well developed.

***Callousness*** - Thickened and hardened; Hard-hearted; indifferent to the sufferings of others.

***Correction*** - Exercising my senses so I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me.

***Scripture*** - “Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.” ***Romans 12:15***

***Sincerity*** - The state or quality of being pure; genuine; simple and unaffected; frank and honest.

***Hypocrisy*** - The act of pretending to be what one is not.

***Correction*** - Eager to do what is right with transparent motives.

***Scripture*** - “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:” ***1 Peter 1:22***

***Generosity*** - The quality of being liberal; benevolence; unselfishness.

***Stinginess*** - A stingy person; covetous; mean; not ready to give; penurious; parsimonious; miserly; scant.

***Correction*** - Realizing that all that I have is Gods and using it for His purposes.

***Scripture*** - “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.” ***2 Corinthians 9:6***

***Diligence*** - Hard-working; industrious.

***Slothfulness*** - Sluggish; lazy.

***Correction*** - Picturing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it.

***Scripture*** - “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; “***Colossians 3:23***

***Faith*** - Trust and confidence in another; fidelity; loyalty; honesty.

***Presumption*** - Arrogant; bold; over-confident.

***Correction*** - Picturing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it.

***Scripture*** - “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” ***Hebrews 11:1***

***Contentment*** - The state of being satisfied with what one has.

***Covetousness*** - To desire enviously that which belongs to another.

***Correction*** - Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness.

***Scripture*** - “For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.” ***1Timothy 6:7-8***

***Responsibility*** - The condition of being responsible; accountability; reliability; a charge or duty for which one is responsible.

***Unreliability*** - Untrustworthy.

***Correction*** - Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting of me.

***Scripture*** - “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” ***Romans 14:12***

***Justice*** - The quality of being just; the principle or practice of dealing justly with others; fairness.

***Fairness*** - unfair; unjust.

***Correction*** - Personal responsibility to God’s unchanging laws.

***Scripture*** - “He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?” ***Micah 6:8***

***Virtue*** - Inherent power or merit; moral excellence; chastity.

***Impurity*** - The state of not being clean or of being mixed with inferior substances; a defect in moral character.

***Correction*** - The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God’s word.

***Scripture*** - “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;” ***2 Peter 1:5***

***Joyfulness*** - Full of happiness; causing happiness; gladness; rejoicing; bliss; pleasure; delight.

***Self-pity*** -Having compassion or sympathy for oneself caused by distress, weakness or degradation; Pity for oneself.

***Correction*** - The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with God.

***Scripture*** - “A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.” ***Proverbs 15:13***

***Thoroughness*** - Painstaking; complete; overlooking no detail.

***Incompleteness*** - Not finished; lacking some part; imperfect.

***Correction*** - Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected.

***Scripture*** - “And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;” ***Colossians 3:23***

***Discretion*** - Free, individual judgment; prudence; reserve especially in speech.

***Simplemindedness*** - Unsophisticated; foolish.

***Correction*** - The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences.

***Scripture*** - “A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself: but the simple pass on, and are punished.” ***Proverbs 22:3***

***Punctuality*** - The characteristic of being on time.

***Tardiness*** - The state of being late or moving with slow or reluctant pace.

***Correction*** - Showing high esteem for people and their time.

***Scripture*** - “To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:” ***Ecclesiastes 3:1***

***Humility*** - Modesty; mildness; freedom from pride; unpretentiousness.

***Pride*** - Inordinate self-regard; arrogance; egotism; superciliousness; haughtiness; disdain; vainglory; vanity; conceit; Pride is absorbing scenes of one’s own greatness.

***Correction*** - Recognizing that God and others are actually responsible for the achievements in my life.

***Scripture*** - “But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.” ***James 4:6***

***Compassion*** - Sorrowing for the sufferings of others; pity.

***Indifference*** - Lack of concern or interest; absence of favor or opposition; detachment; apathy; aloofness; carelessness; insensitiveness; listlessness; unresponsiveness; insensibility; luke-warmness.

***Correction*** - Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others.

***Scripture*** - “But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?” ***1 John 3:17***

***Boldness*** - Venturesome; prominent; impudent; requiring or evincing daring; fearless; intrepid; undaunted.

***Fearfulness*** - Afraid; causing fear; dreadful; frightful; horrible.

***Correction*** - Confident that what I have to say or do is true, right and just in the sight of God.

***Scripture*** - “And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,” ***Acts 4:29***

***Flexibility*** - compliant; yielding to persuasion; pliable; easily bent of adaptable to change of shape or opinion.

***Resistance*** - The act of opposing; one who or that resists; tending to resist.

***Correction*** - Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others.

***Scripture*** - “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” ***Colossians 3:2***

***Dependability*** - Reliable; trustworthy.

***Inconsistency*** - Lack of consistency; incompatibility; contrariety.

***Correction*** - Fulfilling what I consented to do, even if it means unexpected sacrifice.

***Scripture*** -“In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.” ***Psalms 15:4***

***Love*** - A strong and deep feeling of attachment; great affection; passionate attraction and ardent affection; connotes passionate, ardent devotion.

***Selfishness*** - Caring only for one’s own needs or desires; not generous.

***Correction*** - Giving to others basic needs without having as my motive personal reward.

***Scripture*** - “And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.” ***1 Corinthians 13:3***

***Tolerance*** - Liberality toward the opinions of others; patience with others.

***Prejudice*** - Premature judgment; bias; partiality; prepossession.

***Correction*** - Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity.

***Scripture*** - Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:” ***Philippians 2:2-5***

***Decisiveness*** - Final; conclusive; having the power of deciding; showing firmness.

***Double mindedness*** - Undecided in mind; vacillating; to sway to and fro; waver; indecision.

***Correction*** - The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God.

***Scripture*** - “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.” ***James 1:5-8***

***Gentleness*** - Mild; kindly; docile; soft; connotes natural disposition.

***Harshness*** - Discordant; hard toned; rough; austere; unpleasing.

***Correction*** - Showing personal care and concern in meeting the needs of others.

***Scripture*** - “But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.” ***1 Thessalonians 2:7-8***

***Forgiveness*** - To pardon; to cease to feel resentment for.

***Rejection*** - To refuse to accept; to throw away; discard.

***Correction*** - Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me.

***Scripture*** - “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.” ***Ephesians 4:31-32***

***Availability*** - Usefulness; state of being available; at hand; ready for use.

***Self-centeredness*** - Selfishly independent; engrossed in one’s self.

***Correction*** - Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving.

***Scripture*** - “For I have no man likeminded, who will naturally care for your state. For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.” ***Philippians 2:20-21***

***Security*** - The state of being safe or sure; protection

***Anxiety*** - A condition of mental uneasiness arising from fear, solicitude; or apprehension; care; concern; trouble; worry.

***Correction*** - Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed and taken away.

***Scripture*** - “Labor not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.” ***John 6:27***

***Creativity*** - Having the power to originate; productive.

***Underachievement*** - To not finish; to not perform completely; do not bring to an end; to not attain or gain, through effort; do not accomplish; do not realize.

***Correction*** - Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective.

***Scripture*** - “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” ***Romans 12:2***

***Cautiousness*** - Exercising caution or warning; heedful; wary.

***Rashness*** - Hasty; reckless; lacking caution and prudence; foolhardy; heedless.

***Correction*** - Knowing how important timing is in accomplishing right actions.

***Scripture*** - “Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.” ***Proverbs 19:2***

***Determination*** - The act of bringing to an end or coming to an end; resolution; persistence; mental decision and firmness.

***Faintheartedness*** - Timid; lacking courage; easily frightened; cowardly.

***Correction*** - Purposing to accomplish God’s goals in God’s time regardless of the opposition.

***Scripture*** - “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.” ***2 Timothy 4:7-8***

***Deference*** - The act of giving respect, giving heed, or yield; heed for the wishes for another.

***Rudeness*** - Roughness; uncivil; impoliteness; harshness; crude; uncouth; severe; violent; gruff; flippant.

***Correction*** - Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those whom God has called me to serve.

***Scripture*** - “It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.” ***Romans 14:21***

***Persuasiveness*** - Having power to persuade, convince or influence.

***Contentiousness*** - Quarrelsome; argumentative; causing contention.

***Correction*** - Guiding vital truths around another’s mental roadblocks.

***Scripture*** - “And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;” ***2 Timothy 2:24-25***

***Endurance*** - Ability to endure or strength to bear; to continue unchanging; lasting; long-suffering.

***Giving Up*** - A yielding under pull, pressure or other force; finished.

***Correction*** - The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God’s best.

***Scripture*** - “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” ***Galatians 6:9***

***Patience*** - Calm endurance without complaint; forbearance.

***Restlessness*** - Uneasy; always in motion; bringing no repose; agitated roving; unsettled.

***Correction*** - Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it.

***Scripture*** - “And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope: And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.” ***Romans 5:3-5***

***Enthusiasm*** - Zeal; intense interest.

***Apathy*** - Lack of feeling; want of passion or emotion; impassivity; indifference; lethargy; sluggish.

***Correction*** - Expressing with my spirit the joy of my soul.

***Scripture*** - “Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.” ***1 Thessalonians 5:16-18***

***Gratefulness*** - Thankful; giving pleasure; welcome.

***Unthankfulness*** - Not grateful; not appreciative.

***Correction*** - Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life.

***Scripture*** - “For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? Now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” ***1 Corinthians 4:7***

***Loyalty*** - Faithful, as to one’s country, duty, or friend; devotion, allegiance; homage; fealty; constancy.

***Unfaithfulness*** - Not trusting; not loyal, not trustworthy; not true; not accurate.

***Correction*** - Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve.

***Scripture*** - “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” ***John 15:13***

***Meekness*** - Modest; mild; submissive; unassuming; gentle.

***Anger*** - Strong resentment of injury or wrong; fury; indignation; rage; wrath; sudden displeasure aroused by injury or injustice and usually accompanied by a desire to punish.

***Correction*** - Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God.

***Scripture*** - “My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.” ***Psalms 62:5***

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” ***Philippians 2:5-8***

Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you. Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.” ***Philippians 3:15-16***

“Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.” ***Romans 12:16***