Grace Evangelical Free Church

Issues & Answers: Forty-nine Godly Character Qualities

1. **Alertness vs. Unawareness**

Aware of actions around me so I can have the right response (**Philippians 2:15**)

1. **Attentiveness vs. Unconcern**

Devotion in thought, word and deed to avoid offense to God and others (**Heb. 2:1**)

1. **Availability vs. Self-centeredness**

My schedule and priorities are secondary to those whom I am serving (**2 Cor. 9:12**)

1. **Boldness vs. Fearfulness**

Confidence in what I say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God (**Acts 4:29**)

1. **Cautiousness vs. Rashness**

Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions (**Proverbs 19:2**)

1. **Compassion vs. Indifference**

Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others (**I John 3:17**)

1. **Contentment vs. Covetousness**

Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my happiness (**I Timothy 6:8**)

1. **Creativity vs. Underachievement**

Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective (**Romans 12:2**)

1. **Decisiveness vs. Double-mindedness**

The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God (**James 1:5**)

1. **Deference vs. Rudeness**

Limiting my freedom so as not to offend whom God has called me to serve (**Rom. 14:21**)

1. **Dependability vs. Inconsistency**

Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice (**Psalm 15**)

1. **Determination vs. Faintheartedness**

Purposing to achieve God’s goals in His time regardless of the opposition (**II Tim. 4:7–8**)

1. **Diligence vs. Slothfulness**

Each task is from the Lord and will use all my energies to accomplish it (**Colossians 3:23**)

1. **Discernment vs. Judgment**

The God-given ability to understand why things happen (**I Samuel 16:7**)

1. **Discretion vs. Simplemindedness**

The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes fostering danger (**Proverbs 22:3**)

1. **Endurance vs. Giving up**

The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God’s best (**Galatians 6:9**)

1. **Enthusiasm vs. Apathy**

Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit (**I Thessalonians 5:16-18**)

1. **Faith vs. Presumption**

Sensing what God’s intent in a situation and acting in harmony with it (**Psalms 143:10**)

1. **Flexibility vs. Resistance**

Open to changing my affections, ideas, plans by God or others (**Colossians 3:2**)

1. **Forgiveness vs. Rejection**

Forgiving offenders and allowing God to love them through me (**Ephesians 4:32**)

1. **Generosity vs. Stinginess**

Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes (**II Corinthians 9:6**)

1. **Gentleness vs. Harshness**

Showing personal care and concern in meeting the need of others (**I Thessalonians 2:7**)

1. **Gratefulness vs. Ungratefulness**

Confessing to God and others how they have benefited my life (**Philippians 1:3-7**)

1. **Hospitality vs. Loneliness**

Cheerfully sharing with those whom God brings into my life (**Hebrews 13:2**)

1. **Humility vs. Pride**

Recognizing it is God and others responsible for the achievements in my life (**James 4:6**)

1. **Initiative vs. Unresponsiveness**

Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before asked to do it (**Romans 12:21**)

1. **Joyfulness vs. Self-pity**

Enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord (**Psalm 16:11**)

1. **Justice vs. Fairness**

Personal responsibility to God’s unchanging laws (**Micah 6:8**)

1. **Love vs. Selfishness**

Giving to others’ basic needs without the motive of personal reward (**I Cor. 13:3**)

1. **Loyalty vs. Unfaithfulness**

Using difficulties to show my commitment to God and to others (**John 15:13**)

1. **Meekness vs. Self-determination**

Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God (**Psalm 62:5**)

1. **Obedience vs. Willfulness**

If we love God, we will keep His commandments (**John 14:15**)

1. **Orderliness vs. Disorganization**

Preparing myself and surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency (**I Cor. 14:40**)

1. **Patience vs. Restlessness**

Accepting situations from God without a deadline to remove (**Romans 5:3–4**)

1. **Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness**

Guiding vital truths around another’s mental roadblocks (**II Timothy 2:24**)

1. **Punctuality vs. Tardiness**

Showing high esteem for other people and their time (**Philippians 2:3-4**)

1. **Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness**

Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard (**Luke 16:10; Pr. 21:5**)

1. **Responsibility vs. Unreliability**

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me (**Romans 14:12**)

1. **Reverence vs. Disregard**

Awareness of God working, producing the character of Christ in me (**Titus 2:11-12**)

1. **Secure vs. Temporal**

Structuring my life around that which is eternal, not temporal (**John 6:27**)

1. **Self-Control vs. Self-indulgence**

Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God’s Spirit (**Galatians 5:24–25**)

1. **Sensitivity vs. Callousness**

Exercising senses to perceive the true spirit/emotions of those around me (**Rom. 12:15**)

1. **Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy**

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives (**I Peter 1:22**)

1. **Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness**

My attitude demonstrates a desire for truth and its application (**Proverbs 18:15**)

1. **Thriftiness vs. Extravagance**

Understanding responsibility to wisely manage what is entrusted (**Luke 16:11**)

1. **Tolerance vs. Prejudice**

Recognition of unique character qualities within the family of God (**Acts 10:34-35**)

1. **Truthfulness vs. Deception**

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts (**Ephesians 4:25**)

1. **Virtue vs. Impurity**

Character and purity of spirit radiate from my position within God’s family (**II Peter 1:3**)

1. **Wisdom vs. Natural Inclinations**

Seeing and responding to life’s situations from God’s frame of reference (**Proverbs 9:10**)