

Operational Definitions of Character Qualities

(as found in the Character Bookshelf Series game, Character Clues)

TRUTHFULNESS vs. Deception Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts Ephesians 4:25 P1	ALERTNESS vs. Unawareness Being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right response to it Mark 14:38 S1	SELF-CONTROL vs. Self-indulgence Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit Galatians 5:24-25 T1	WISDOM vs. Natural inclinations Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference Proverbs 9:10 E1	RESOURCEFULNESS vs. Wastefulness Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard Luke 16:10 G1	ORDERLINESS vs. Disorganization Preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency I Corinthians 14:40 R1	ATTENTIVENESS vs. Unconcern Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions Hebrews 2:1 M1
OBEDIENCE vs. Willfulness Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority II Corinthians 10:5 P2	HOSPITALITY vs. Loneliness Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life Hebrews 13:2 S2	REVERENCE vs. Disrespect Awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me Proverbs 23:17-18 T2	DISCERNMENT vs. Judgment The God-given ability to understand why things happen I Samuel 16:7 E2	THRIFTINESS vs. Extravagance Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary Luke 16:11 G2	INITIATIVE vs. Unresponsiveness Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it Romans 12:21 R2	SENSITIVITY vs. Callousness Exercising my senses so I can perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me Romans 12:15 M2
SINCERITY vs. Hypocrisy Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives I Peter 1:22 P3	GENEROSITY vs. Stinginess Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes II Corinthians 9:6 S3	DILIGENCE vs. Slothfulness Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it Colossians 3:23 T3	FAITH vs. Presumption Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it Hebrews 11:1 E3	CONTENTMENT vs. Covetousness Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness I Timothy 6:8 G3	RESPONSIBILITY vs. Unreliability Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me Romans 14:12 R3	JUSTICE vs. Fairness Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws Micah 6:8 M3
VIRTUE vs. Impurity The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word II Peter 1:3 P4	JOYFULNESS vs. Self-pity The spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord Psalm 16:11 S4	THOROUGHNESS vs. Incompleteness Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected Proverbs 18:15 T4	DISCRETION vs. Simplemindedness The ability to avoid words, actions, and attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences Proverbs 22:3 E4	PUNCTUALITY vs. Tardiness Showing high esteem for other people and their time Ecclesiastes 3:1 G4	HUMILITY vs. Pride Recognizing that it is actually God and others who are responsible for the achievements in my life James 4:6 R4	COMPASSION vs. Indifference Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others I John 3:17 M4
BOLDNESS vs. Fearfulness Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God Acts 4:29 P5	FLEXIBILITY vs. Resistance Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others Colossians 3:2 S5	DEPENDABILITY vs. Inconsistency Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice Psalm 15:4 T5	LOVE vs. Selfishness Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward I Corinthians 13:3 E5	TOLERANCE vs. Prejudice Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity Philippians 2:2 G5	DECISIVENESS vs. Double-mindedness The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God James 1:5 R5	GENTLENESS vs. Harshness Showing personal care and concern in meeting the need of others I Thessalonians 2:7 M5
FORGIVENESS vs. Rejection Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me Ephesians 4:32 P6	AVAILABILITY vs. Self-centeredness Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving Philippians 2:20-21 S6	SECURITY vs. Anxiety Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away John 6:27 T6	CREATIVITY vs. Underachievement Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective Romans 12:2 E6	CAUTIONSNESS vs. Rashness Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions Proverbs 19:2 G6	DETERMINATION vs. Faintheartedness Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time—regardless of the opposition II Timothy 4:7-8 R6	DEFERENCE vs. Rudeness Limiting my freedom in order not to offend the tastes of those whom God has called me to serve Romans 14:21 M6
PERSUASIVENESS vs. Contentiousness Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks II Timothy 2:24 P7	ENDURANCE vs. Giving up The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best Galatians 6:9 S7	PATIENCE vs. Restlessness Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it Romans 5:3-4 T7	ENTHUSIASM vs. Apathy Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit I Thessalonians 5:16,19 E7	GRATEFULNESS vs. Unthankfulness Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life I Corinthians 4:7 G7	LOYALTY vs. Unfaithfulness Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom He has called me to serve John 15:13 R7	MEEKNESS vs. Anger Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God Psalm 62:5 M7