

QUALITIES FOUND IN A TRUE SERVANT OF GOD

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The following qualities are the moral attributes listed in God's Word as to how we are expected to think and act in order to live the blessed and wholesome life God intended for man.

There are Scriptures for every quality listed. However, I would suggest to the reader that you find the Scriptures in lieu of me listing it for you. To gain in Biblical knowledge of the Word, we must seek and find the jewels and diamonds to be found therein.

"Work for the night is coming when man will not be able to work and find the treasure in the Word of God." As I get older, my eyesight is deteriorating, my hearing is diminishing, and my strength and thinking are not as strong and sharp as they once were.

Today I stay active and participative in various activities; giving everything I have to keep up with the progressive and fast-paced changes of the times I am living in. I have to literally drive myself to keep up with society's requirements to remain "in the ball game" of life. Because of who I am in Christ and what I know He expects me to be doing, I read, think, and try to act and react in accordance with Scripture.

Here are the moral qualities I strive for...knowing I will find myself short on some of these at times. Forgiveness is a blessed truth. God has had to forgive me many times. This I do know, however, when I ask for forgiveness, He is faithful and just to forgive me and will set my feet on dry land.

Moral Qualities.

1. **Honesty, Truthful, Trustworthy** - is frank and open, refraining from lying, stealing, or cheating.

2. **Integrity** - is principled-being of sound moral character, showing courage of convictions, standing up for what is right.
3. **Caring/Compassionate/Benevolent** - shows good will, generosity; charitable, considerate, kind.
4. **Courage** - does what is right, even in the face of personal consequences, rejection by others, or danger.
5. **Willing to Sacrifice** - gives of oneself or one's possessions to help others or for something one believes in.
6. **Self-Control** - is able to stay calm and rational, even under conditions of temptation, stress, or aggravated assault (such as being teased or "put down") by others.
7. **Just and Fair** - treats others as you would want them to treat you; rules applied equitably; does not discriminate on improper basis.
8. **Persevering/Diligent** - puts out best effort and works hard; does not give up easily; keeps trying despite hardships; self reliant.
9. **Keeps Promises** - attempts to keep commitments, reliable, dependable.
10. **Pursues excellence/takes pride in work** - does one's best; is not unduly influenced by setbacks or external pressures to do less than one can.
11. **Takes personal responsibility** - is accountable, dependable, amenable; considers consequences and accepts responsibility for own actions or inactions; does not shift blame for own mistakes to others.
12. **Takes Action to Benefit others** - makes decisions that have the potential for a positive effect on others.
13. **Respectful of Others** - Acknowledges and honors the rights, freedom, and dignity of others.
14. **Forgiving** - is able to leave upsetting and hurtful things behind; stops the cycle of the hurt to others or oneself; does not seek revenge.

15. **Peacemaker** - is able to compromise, to talk things out without resorting to violence, to seek solutions to problems that will be in everyone's best interests; values calmness and safety.
16. **Fidelity/ Loyalty** - shows faithfulness, trustworthiness; keeps commitments, especially with spouse and family.
17. **Self-respect** - has due regard for one's own reputation and long term image of a "good" person; does not abuse one's own body or act in trivial ways that are dangerous to oneself; cares about one's own conscience.

All of the above compliments the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5:22-23 (Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control).

Be blessed as you seek the treasures found in the Word of God.