Character Qualities to Teach Our Children

Obedience	Doing what is expected of me cheerfully, immediately, and thoroughly—Colossians 3:20
Attentiveness	Listening with the ears, eyes and heart—Proverbs 15:31
Honor	Viewing and treating others as a special creation of God—I Peter 2:17
Kindness	Treating others as you would like to be treated by them—Ephesians 4:32
Courage	Standing alone for righteousness and yielding my fears to God—Joshua 1:9
Joyfulness	Choosing to have a good attitude even when circumstances are tough to bear—Philippians 4:4
Initiative	Seeing a need and taking responsibility to meet it without being asked—Ephesians 2:10, Ecclesiastes 9:10
Alertness	Being keenly aware of what is taking place around me so I can be prepared with a right response—I Peter 5:8
Deference	To hold others in esteem and give them first choice—Philippians 2:3
Gratefulness	Realizing that God has given me all I need and being appreciative to God and others—Ephesians 5:20, Philippians 4:6
Dependability	Honoring your word and responsibilities even if it means unexpected sacrifice—Psalm 15:3
Gentleness	Responding to others in a kind, understanding manner—Galatians 5:22, 2 Timothy 2:24
Decisiveness	The ability to make wise deliberate decisions based on God's standards—James 1:6
Discernment	Ability to identify subtle untruths or motives—Hebrews 4:12
Self-Control	Subjecting my own desire to the control of the Holy Spirit—Proverbs 25:28
Truthfulness	Trustworthiness by accurately reporting the facts—Proverbs 8:6,7

Humility Acknowledging that any good I have achieved is a gift from God and my life is to be used as in instrument in His hand—Micah 6:8

Diligence Viewing each task given to me as a special duty and putting forth the effort to do my very best—Colossians 3:17

Loyalty Committed to the welfare of those I serve even to the detriment of my own comforts—Proverbs 20:6

Orderliness Managing my life and my belongings in order to reach maximum potential—I Corinthians 14:40

Flexibility Cheerfully being willing to change my plans when circumstances beyond my control require it—Philippians 4:6-7

Boldness Facing confrontations with the assurance that God will bless the outcome if I'm standing firm for truth—Proverbs 28:1

Generosity Giving unselfishly to the needs of others—Luke 6:38

Meekness Yielding my expectations (rights) to God without getting angry—Psalm 25:9

Patience Waiting for God's timing with a happy heart—Hebrews 12:1

Persuasiveness Skillfully handling truths to lead others in a right path—Acts 28:23

Resourcefulness Using things which others might discard in a creative way—Colossians 3:23-24

Sensitivity The ability of putting yourself in another's shoes and trying to see life from his point of view—Colossians 3:12

Forgiveness Picturing how Jesus died on the cross for my sins so that God's love can flow through me to others who have wronged me—Colossians 3:13

Enthusiasm Expressing joy in each job I am given to do—Colossians 3:23, Philippians 4:4

Hospitality Making those who visit our home feel comfortable—Romans 12:13, Hebrews 13:2

Discretion Avoid any words, actions or attitudes that could give the appearance of evil—Proverbs 1:11.12

Honesty	Speaking the truth in all situations—Colossians 3:9
Love	Giving unselfishly of myself to the needs of others—I John 3:18
Prudence	Exercising caution in all situations; foreseeing the consequences of my actions—Proverbs 22:3
Punctuality	Being prompt in all commitments, honoring the time of others—Colossians 4:5
Respectfulness	Treating others with honor and esteem—Philippians 2:3
Thoroughness	Bringing to completion each task I do with excellence—Ecclesiastes 7:8
Tolerance	Giving others room to grow at different rates as God leads them—I Corinthians 8:12-13
Virtue	Maintaining moral excellence and setting godly standards—II Peter 1:5
Wisdom	Learning to see life from God's point of view—Psalm 90:12
Endurance	The inward strength to endure tribulation with determination—I Peter 2:20-21, Philippians 4:5
Availability	Being willing to attend to a need when I am called to help—Isaiah 6:8
Contentment	Realizing that God has given me all I need for my present happiness—Philippians 4:11-12
Compassion	Being willing to expend effort to help alleviate the suffering of those in need—Proverbs 3:27

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