



grow your Character

Character Traits

1 Cor 13:1-13; Gal 5:22-23; Eph 4:31-5:4; Col 3:8-14; 2 Pet 1:3-11; 1 Tim 2:2-12; Jam 3:2-12

Revealed in Growing Your Thoughts -----

1. Know God's Word (Bible knowledge) – 2 Pet 1:5; 1 Tim 3:9
2. Meditation on God's truth (memorization) – Deut 30:14; Josh 1:8; Psa 1:1-3; Rom 12:1-2
3. Think about true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent & praiseworthy things – Phil 4:8

Revealed in Growing Your Emotions & Attitudes -----

1. Love (feel) – Gal 5:22; Rom 5:5
2. Joy – Gal 5:22; Rom 15:13
3. Peace Gal 5:22; Phil 4:5-7
4. Humility – Col 3:12; Phil 2:3-8
5. Hope – 1 Cor 13:5; Rom 5:5; 15:13
6. Contentment – Phil 4:11-12; 1 Tim 6:6; Heb 13:5

Revealed in Growing Your Speech -----

1. Not malicious talkers or gossips – 1 Tim 3:11
2. Not quarrelsome – 1 Tim 3:3; 2 Tim 2:24
3. Not slanderous – Col 3:8; Eph 4:31
4. No foul language – Col 3:8; Eph 5:4
5. No complaining – Phi 2:14
6. Not boastful – 1 Cor 13:4
7. Not harsh – Prov 15:1
8. No foolish talk or coarse joking – Eph 5:4
9. No arguing – Phi 2:14
10. Honesty & integrity – Lev 19:11
11. Soft answers or responses – Prov 15:1
12. Edifying & gracious words – Eph 4:29; Col 4:6

Revealed in Growing Your Behaviours -----

1. Sexual purity – Col 3:5; Eph 5:3; Job 31:1
2. Patience – Gal 5:22; 1 Cor 13:4; Col 3:12
3. Kindness – Gal 5:22; 2 Pet 1:7;
1 Cor 13:4; Col 3:12; Eph 4:32
4. Goodness – Gal 5:22; 2 Pet 1:5
5. Faithfulness – Gal 5:22
6. Gentleness – Gal 5:23; Col 3:12
7. Compassion – Col 3:12; Eph 4:32
8. Gratitude – Col 3:16
9. Forgiving – Col 3:13; Eph 4:32
10. Boldness – Phil 1:14; 2 Cor 3:12
11. Courage – 1 Cor 16:13; 2 Cor 5:6,8; Josh 1:9
12. Self-control – Gal 5:23; 2 Pet 1:6; 1 Tim 3:2
13. Love (people) – 2 Pet 1:7; Col 3:13
14. Not easily angered/enraged – 1 Cor 13:5
Col 3:8; Eph 4:31
15. Perseverance – 2 Pet 1:6
16. Not envious – 1 Cor 13:4
17. Not proud – 1 Cor 13:4
18. Not rude – 1 Cor 13:5
19. Not self-seeking – 1 Cor 13:5
20. Does not keep record of wrong – 1 Cor 13:5
21. Always protects – 1 Cor 13:6
22. Always trusts – 1 Cor 13:6
23. Hospitable – 1 Tim 3:2
24. Temperate – 1 Tim 3:2
25. No drunkenness – 1 Tim 3:3,8
26. Not a lover of money; dishonest gain; greed –
1 Tim 3:3,8; Eph 5:3

Reasons to Grow Your Character

1. Character makes us fruitful in God's Kingdom in this lifetime
2. Character affects the effectiveness/outcome of our prayers
3. Character keeps us from wandering from the faith, giving us assurance of salvation
4. Character qualifies us for ministry, and opens increased ministry responsibility
5. Character helps us overcome the temptations of our flesh and resist the attacks of the devil
6. Character reveals Christ & His transforming work in us, a witness to those who know us
7. Character determines our heavenly reward

Steps to Initiate Character Growth

1. Choose a character trait by asking Jesus which one He would have you focus on
2. Pray daily for that trait to grow and be more deeply rooted in your life
3. Listen in prayer for practical steps and application ideas from the Holy Spirit
4. Learn, memorize and meditate on Scriptures that speak to the trait you are focusing on
5. Confess and turn from any sin, bitterness or offense due to the weakness of this trait in you
6. Receive inner healing and spiritual freedom in your experience through Christ
7. Tell a person you trust, engaging their prayer support in developing this character trait
8. Ask God to fill you with the Holy Spirit and power, enabling you to grow this character trait
9. Understand that people and circumstances will new bring opportunities for trait development
10. Keep at it until this trait is being revealed in your life... then repeat 1-10

How to Grow Character During Trials & Suffering

1. Worship God, knowing He is working all things out for your good
2. Go to Him daily, receiving His encouragement, comfort and strength to carry on
3. Set your eyes on eternity by meditating on His Word
4. Ask God to reveal what His purpose(s) in this are
5. Pray daily for that character trait
6. Confess any bitterness or offense
7. Receive inner healing
8. Tell someone & ask for their prayers
9. Receive the Holy Spirit's filling "ongoingly", keeping in step with Him (stop & choose correctly)
10. Look for opportunities to pray for, serve or bless others