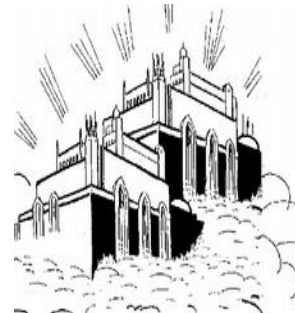
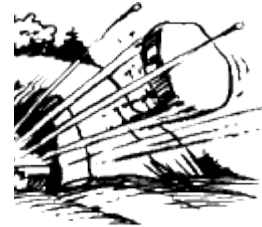


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The First Christians

By Ted Camp, SWM

The name "**Christian**" is only found **three times** in the Bible

1. "Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a **Christian**" (Acts 26:28).
2. "Yet if any man suffer as a **Christian**, let him not be ashamed" (1 Peter 4:16).
3. "And it came to pass...the disciples were called **Christians** first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

What is a Christian? The world view and the Bible view of a Christian differs much today. A **Christian** is a **believer** who is "**in Christ**." Some may have the "actions" but **not** be a Christian, some Christians may **not** have the "actions" of Christ. The world can only ID's by your actions. **Christian** means **Christ-ian**, a **follower of Christ**. **Example:** Buddhists follow Buddha. **Christians** follow **Christ**. The **first time** the name **Christian** was used was in AD 42 in the city of Antioch. The people in the city watched followers of Jesus **Christ** and "**called**" them **Christians**. People **daily watched** these strange followers of Christ. They saw the **difference** Christ made in their lives (Acts 11:26). Ten years had passed since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, but the people **continued** to follow Christ. They were called Christians simply **because** they followed the teachings, actions and ways of Christ. They were different than **other religions** and Jewish traditions. They had the actions of Christ. **They were Christians!**

What is the difference in a Christian and a Muslim? What is the difference between a Christian and a Jew? What is the difference between a Christian and a Buddhist? The difference is "Christ." Without Buddha there would be no Buddhist. Without Mohammed there would be no Muslims. Without Joseph Smith there would be no Mormons. Without Christ there would be no Christians or Christianity. Christians follow the teachings and ways of Christ. Without the Bible there would be no Bible teachings. Only the Bible teaches and explains God, creation, mankind, sin, and the fall from God. The Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the way to be restored to God. Those "**in Christ**" are Christians who follow the Christ. Those "**not in Christ**" are not Christians. Today God only recognizes two groups of people "**Those in Christ**" and "**Those without Christ**." No one is saved without the Word of God – **No one!** No one can come to God without Christ – **No one!** "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Christians

By Lewis S. Chafer

Christians were the names given by the Gentiles to those "**in Christ**" serving in Antioch. If the Jews had given a name it probably would have been "**Messiahists**" as they followed "The Messiah."

The word "**Christian**" is only found **three times** in the Bible

Brethren = About 200 times --- **Saints** = 60 times --- **Disciples** = 30 times --- **Believers** = 80 times

*"A **Christian** is not one who does certain things for God, but instead one for whom God has done certain things; he is not so much as one who conforms to a certain matter of life as he is one who has received the gift of eternal life; he has a perfect standing before God because he is in Christ Jesus. **Thirty-three** simultaneous and instantaneous divine undertakings and transformations which constitute the salvation of a soul have been named in the Bible. All of these are wrought **at the moment** saving faith is exercised in Christ."*

The World View: There are many religions but they are all under the one same God.

The Bible Only Refers to Three Kinds or Groups of People

1. Gentiles 2. Jews 3. Christians

Three-fourths of Bible refers to **Jews** - **One-fourth** to Christians/Church

Very little reference to **Gentiles**.

-- Lewis S. Chafer

The Bible View of the World Today: Two Groups...

1. Those "In Christ" 2. Those "Without Christ"

Some World Internet Views on Christianity

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How the Military Views Religions – In the past a **dog tag** was issued to all military personnel for identification purposes. They were called “dog tags” because they resembled ID tags worn of dogs. The tag is used to identify the dead and wounded and basic medical information, along with **religious preference**. During World War II, a dog tag could indicate only **one of three religions** "P" Protestant (*Christian*), "C" Catholic, or "H" Jewish (Hebrew). In the **Vietnam War dog tags** or ID tags were changed to the various religions of **Protestant – Catholic - Methodist – Baptist or No Preference** – Wikipedia.

How the World Views Church Worship - Glide Memorial Methodist Church in San Francisco has this Call to Worship in their printed bulletin to be recited: **"We are all of us Christians, Jews, liberals, Bolsheviks, anarchists, socialists, Communists, Keynesians, Democrats, Civil Righters, Beatniks, ministers, moderate Republicans, pacifists, teachers, doctors, scientists, professors, Latin Americans, New Africans, Common Marketers, even Mao Tse-Tung. Doubtless. From Lyndon Johnson to Mao Tse-Tung, we are all Christians."** Today, many services are performed in the mode of the modern dance. Suggestive gyrations. The church has become a haven for dope addicts, hippies, and homosexuals." – Tan, Paul Lee, Encyclopedia of Illustrations, (Bible Communications, Inc.1996.) – Carm.org

How the World defines a Christian - In the past if you were **not** Jewish or Hindu or Buddhist, it was assumed that you were a Christian, whether Catholic or Lutheran or Episcopal or Baptist. But it seems now that the name **"Christian"** means something more specific. Is it considered to be an actual religion other than Catholic or Lutheran or Episcopal or Baptist or whatever. If so, what makes it different? So what is a Christian? **The answer is not as easy as you might think.** Everything depends on how you define the word. You can't really tell who is a Christian and who isn't until you know what the term means. To muddy the waters further, recent polls report that 92% of all Americans believe in God while **83% call themselves Christian**. If you went to any major American city and asked, "Are you a Christian?" you would get all sorts of answers. **"Of course I'm a Christian. I was born in America."** "I was raised in a Christian home." "I'm a baptized Catholic." "I'm a Methodist." "I go to a Baptist Church." "I read my Bible every day." "I raised my hand, walked an aisle, said a prayer, and signed a card." Some say, "A Christian is anyone who calls himself a Christian." This is how the pollsters came up with 83%. It's very American to say, "I'm a Christian if I say I am." Some say, "When I use a term, it means whatever I choose it to mean--nothing more, and nothing less." **Included in these "Christian" groups are: the Roman Catholic church; the Eastern Orthodox churches, conservative, mainline, and liberal Christian faith groups; The church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons); Jehovah's Witnesses and many other religious organizations that identify themselves as Christian.** Also included are those who consider themselves to be Christian even though they do not identify themselves with any particular religious group. The Bible only mentions the word Christian **three times** (Acts 11:26; Acts 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). **What is a Christian?** A Christian is someone who chooses to follow Christ. . **A Christian** is someone whose life has been genuinely changed by Jesus Christ. The name **"Christian"** was not invented by early Christians. It was a name given to them by others. Christians called themselves by different names as disciples, believers, brethren, saints, the elect. It literally means **"Christ-followers"** or **"Christ-ians."** **A Christian is a person who has been truly converted to Jesus Christ.** – Dr. Ray Pritchard – *Christianity.com*

How a Real Christian is Defined - **A Christian is a person who follows [Christianity](#). Christianity is based on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as recorded in the New Testament. "Christ-ian" comes from the Greek word Christ, and the Hebrew word Messiah. Jesus is His human name, and Christ is His holy name. Central to the Christian faith is the **Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ**. The Gospel is the preaching and teaching that salvation is through the finished work of Jesus, His death, burial and resurrection to save sinners. Christians believe in the doctrine of the Trinity of God as Father, Son and **Holy Spirit**. The name "Christian" is used to describe **anyone associated** with Christianity, or who is considered Christ-like." - Wikipedia Encyclopedia.**

One-Line Messages

Christianity is not a religion, but a relationship with Christ.

There are many religions, but there is only one Gospel.

No one is saved without Christ or the Gospel – No one!

Only Christianity has a risen Saviour. He is risen – He is risen indeed!

Without Christ there would be no Christianity!

The greatest testimony to the world is a changed and consistent Christian.

Review: Two Groups of People in World

1. Those “In Christ” - 2. Those “Without Christ

How God Views People Today - After Adam all were Gentiles. After Abraham all his descendants were Hebrew or Jew. After Pentecost all believers in Christ were Christians. Both Gentiles and Jews after they are saved become Christians. Today all are either “**In Christ**” or “**Without Christ.**” All “**In Christ**” will be at the Judgment Seat of Christ. All “**Without Christ**” will be at the White Throne Judgment. One Family - All people are descendants from Adam and Eve. All people belong to one family with Adam and Eve as their first father and mother. Adam is the head of the human family. God does not see races and nationalities but only people in one human family. “**One blood of all nations.**” There is a difference in the (blood) of the **human family** and the (blood) of the **animal family**. You are born once into the (Adam) the human family and once into the (Jesus Christ) the holy family of God.

Christians Should Act Like Christ

This was the **first time** the name **Christian** was used in the Bible. Notice the **first Christians did not call themselves Christians** but their name was given to them by the world. The **first Christians** were good examples. The leader was a man named Barnabas. The Bible says he was, “...a good man, and full of...faith: and much people was added unto the Lord” because of him (Acts 11:24). Remember, a **Christian** is a **follower of Jesus Christ**. A **Buddhist** will follow the teachings of Buddha. A **Muslim** will follow the teachings of **Mohammed** and the **Koran**. A **Jew** will follow the teachings of the **Old Testament. Law**. What does it mean to say, “**I am a Christian?**” It means that you are a **follower of the Christ** and His Bible teachings. It is important for the cause of Christ that the **unsaved world and other religions** see the **difference** between Christians and other religions. Christians should be **good examples** of Christ. The **greatest witness** for Christ is the changed life. The greatest testimony for Christ is a good consistent Christian who follows the Lord. The greatest **hindrance** is a Christian who follows the world. A good Christian is different than the world. **The world needs to see Christ in Christians!**

All Christians are Not Good Christians - All saved people are “**in Christ,**” but not **all who are “in Christ” follow Christ**. Some who are “in Christ” are **bad examples** of Christians. Barnabas was “**a good man, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith.**” A good **Christian** will have a **good** testimony. Early Christians knew the importance of the name **Christian**. Many died just for the testimony of saying, “**I am a Christian!**”

A Christian Should Grow Spiritually

*“As newborn babes, **desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.**”*

–1 Peter 2:2

Desire Milk of Word – Christians, as newborn babes, should **desire** the sincere milk of the Word of God. A newborn baby is **born with a natural desire** for milk. New born Christians should also have a **natural spiritual desire** for the Word of God. A baby will not grow without milk, and a newborn Christians will not grow without the Word. You do not force feed a hungry baby and also you should not force feed the Word of God to Christians. You do not say to a baby, “If you eat this you will grow.” Words are not necessary, you just put a bottle to its mouth and he sucks the milk. Who taught him to suck milk? He was born with **natural desires** to suck milk. Christians are also born with a natural spiritual **desire** for the Word of God. The **desire** cannot be taught but comes from within. God puts a **desire within** all Christians to grow in the Lord. Desire is the **first step** in growing in the Lord. “As newborn babes desire...” **Desire** the things of God. **Desire** to follow the Lord. **Desire** to be faithful. As you go, you will grow and be used of the Lord more and more. When there is **no desire** there will be no reading and studying the Word of God. Desire cannot be taught but it must come from within. The devil cannot make you sin and God cannot make you serve. **No one can grow without the Word of God, No one!**

Notice the process of growth. “As newborn babes, desire (1) the sincere milk (2) of the word, that ye may grow (3) thereby.” **What growth is not:** Growth is active and can be seen. **Growth is** not idle, dormant, inactive, unproductive. **Growth is** increase, wax, cultivating, rising, breeding, sprouting and producing. **Growth develops** in stages as growing, grew and grown. **Growth is** a natural developing process of increasing in size and changing physically. **Growth is** progress from the sprout to maturity. Growth involves the “**sincere**” milk of the word. What does “**sincere**” mean? Sincere is a Bible word to use to prove true the Word of God. In Bible days sculptors repaired broken statues with wax to sell as new, but the sunlight revealed the used wax **hiding the defects**. When the statue was examined thoroughly in sunlight and found to be **without faults, blemishes or defects** it was declared “**sincere**” or without “**wax.**” The Word of God can be examined in the light from all directions and it will be found “**sincere**” without “**wax**” and without “**fault.**” The **sincere** word of God is without blemish. The truth only confirms truth even when it is challenged from any direction. **Truth never conflicts with truth - Never!**

Are You A Good Christian?

Ten Test Questions to See If You are a Good Christian

1. Are you saved? (Romans 10:9)
2. Have you been baptized? (Acts 2:38)
3. Do you faithfully attend all church services? (Hebrews 10:25)
4. Do you give your time and money to the Lord? (II Corinthians 9:7)
5. Do you avoid worldly, and sinful habits? (I Corinthians 6:19)
6. Do you daily read your Bible? (II Timothy 3:15)
7. Do you daily pray to God? (I Thessalonians 5:17)
8. Do you practice Christian living in your daily life? (Joshua 1:8)
9. What do other people have to say about your Christian life? (Matthew 5:16)
10. Would you be ashamed to meet the Lord today? (I John 2:28)

Christianity in This Present World

Christians should follow Christ and be Christ-like and like-Christ.

A Good Illustration: In a Communist country, soldiers went into a church and demanded the people to leave. An officer stood at the door and asked each person, "Are you a Christian?" In order to have freedom, he demanded they spit upon a picture of Jesus Christ and deny Him. The soldiers waited outside the door with guns ready to kill those who refused to deny the Lord Jesus Christ. The first man looked at the soldiers with guns, bowed his head with fear. He finally denied the Lord and spat upon the picture. Three other men followed his example and also spat upon the picture. Finally, a young girl came forward. She looked at the soldiers and then looked at the picture. She wept, took the picture in her arms and said, "I love Him, I cannot deny my Lord." She waited for the soldiers to shoot, but the officer was touched and said, "I have never seen such faith. Free the girl and kill the four men." He saw true Christianity. The world needs to see that Christians are true faithful followers of Christ. **Faithful** means to be **full of faith**. Are you faithful to Christ? There is a cost to being a good Christian. In Bible days it could cost your life to say, "I am a Christian."

The Purpose of Christianity - The first Christians were called Christians because they acted like Christ. The people in Antioch saw Christ in their lives. They knew that these Christians were different. They knew they did not have what these Christians had. They saw the fruit of the Holy Spirit in their lives. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance:and kindness" (Galatians 5:22-23). It is sad that some Christians are the opposite of Christ. As one man said, "A bad Christian is one who is the **opposite** of the fruit of the Spirit." Each Christian needs to be a "**light**" into the dark world. "Ye are the **light** of the world... **Let** your light so shine before men, that they **may see** your good works, and **glorify** your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16). The light is within but you must **let** it come out and shine to others. People will either **see** your good or your bad works, but they will **see** it. Christians are to display and show Christ to their daily world. Do people want what you have? Do people not want what you have? All Christians are saved, but all are not good Christians. When you are "in Christ" you are a Christian. Let Christ come forth to shine in your life and testimony. Anyone can be a bad Christian, but it requires discipline and character to be a good Christian. Being a good Christian is a choice not a calling. When you are saved that is what God did for you, after you are saved that is what you do for God. Real Christianity is nothing more than a series of new beginnings. There are times in all our lives that we need a new beginning. You cannot change others, but you can change yourself. Think of your family, friends and co-workers who need Christ. You may be the only one who can influence them. Seek to be a good Christian that others can see Christ in your life. There are times you need to change your habits, worldly ways, emotional behaviors, and character traits. I wish a heart change was as simple as a prayer and a promise, but it also requires effort and discomfort. A changed heart is the result of forming new habits to replace the old habits. You can't expect to break a habit overnight that you have been practicing for years. Your problem could be you. There needs to be a time when you start controlling your life. The first step is God's replacement program of putting off the bad habits and putting on the new habits until the new habit become stronger. It usually takes about twenty-one consecutive times to do something before it becomes a habit. Now is the time to start your first day.

Remember: Habits Break Habits

HOW TO SPIRITUALLY GROW

“As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby.”

– II Peter 2:2

Peter is teaching that Christians need the Word of God to spiritually grow. Without the Word of God there is no growth. No one can grow without the Word of God - No one! Christians should **desire** the sincere milk of the **Word of God** as a newborn baby **desires** milk. A newborn baby is born with a **natural desire** for milk. No one taught him to cry for milk. New born Christians should also have a **natural desire** for the Word of God. A baby will not grow without milk, and newborn Christians will not grow without the Word. You do not need to force feed a hungry baby with milk. Also you should not need to be **force fed with** the Word of God. You would never say to a baby, “If you eat this, you will grow.” No words are necessary, just put a bottle to its mouth and watch him suck the milk. Who taught him to suck milk? No one! The **desire** cannot be taught, but it must come from natural desires from birth. God also puts the **desire** inside a Christian for the Word of God that he might spiritually grow in the Lord. Desire is the **first step** in growing in the Lord. When there is no desire, there is no growth. “The Scriptures were not given to increase our knowledge, but to change our lives” – D.L. Moody.

Four Ways To Spiritually Grow

How exciting it was when Eve watched Cain and Abel as they grew from babies into adults. It is very sad when a child does not grow but remains as a child all their life. Christians need to spiritually grow into maturity. Everything that has life must eat to grow. If it does not eat, then it will die. This is true for the large elephant or the smallest germ. It is right that anything that has life should grow. Are you spiritually growing? What have you learned about the Bible, God, and the Christian life in the past twelve months? A child in the fourth grade is promoted into the fifth grade. Some Christians have remained the same for many years and have never grown.

Jesus Christ Increased In Four Areas of Life

**“And Jesus increased (grew) in
(1) wisdom and (2) stature,
and in favor with (3) God and (4) man.”**

-- Luke 2:52

Grow in all Four Levels of Your Life

1. “Increased in stature” (Physically) - It is important for you to have good health so you can better serve the Lord. To increase physically involves activities, exercise, right foods, fun, sports, hiking, tennis, golf, etc. You need the right activities and atmosphere to have a good healthy life. It is important for you to go to church, and read your Bible, but it is also important for you to take care of your health. When you are healthy, you are also happy. When you are happy, you have a better attitude and testimony with others. A good Christian life also involves being very physically active, but do not let activities hinder your spiritual life. Seek to have a balanced life in all areas.

2. “Increased in wisdom” (Mentally) - It is important that you increase in knowledge. The more you know, the more you will increase in wisdom. God has given you a **mind** to understand, a **heart** to know, and a **will** to decide. You are different than an animal. What you think about is what you become (Proverbs 23:7). The Bible teaches much about wisdom, knowledge and understanding. **Knowledge** comes from books, reading, studying, listening and learning. **Wisdom** is from God. Wisdom will help you in deciding what is right or wrong. **Understanding** is using the wisdom with knowledge in the right way to grow mentally.

3. “Favor with man” (Socially) - This means to have good Christian fellowship with others. You need to have a good relationship and fellowship with all people. Christians must learn to live daily in a world that needs Christ. It is important to have a good relationship with right friends, go to the right places, and have good Christian fellowship. You should have a good testimony and social life at your home, work, school, church and with others.

4. “Favor with God” (Spiritually) Your spiritual life is very important. Christians need to know the Lord personally. To grow spiritually requires studying the Word of God, prayer, church, witnessing and helping others. **“Desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow ”** (I Peter 2:2). Are you spiritually growing in all areas of your life? Don't be a spiritual dwarf, but seek to be a giant for God.

Conclusion - After you are saved, you should slowly grow into a mature Christian who can be used of the Lord. A good Christian will grow from “a baby” into a “child” and finally into an “adult” or a **mature** Christian.

Remember... No one can grow without the Word of God - no one!

Christian Integrity

By Ted Camp, SWM

“O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me” (Psalms 7:8). David ask God to judge him **according to his righteousness and his integrity**. Ask yourself this question, if you were standing before God today, and you asked God to judge you **according to your righteousness and your integrity**? Would God be proud of you, would you be proud of yourself, or would you be ashamed, do you think that you have a great deal of work left to build your integrity? **Let’s learn about integrity**.

Definition of Integrity – The Hebrew word **integrity** meant completeness, moral innocence, or perfection. The opposite of compromise. It means adherence to moral and ethical principles; soundness of moral character; honesty. The state of being whole, entire, or undiminished. A sound, unimpaired, or perfect condition. (The integrity of the body of an automobile).

1. Why is Your Integrity Important?

- a. **Integrity** defines to others **who you are** - When someone thinks of you, inevitably, they will think about whether or not you have integrity. People want to know if you’re for real.
- b. **Integrity** determines how **you react** in certain situations - When you are faced with circumstances your integrity will determine whether it is right or do wrong. Lack of it, will determine what you do.
- c. **Integrity** demonstrates your **spiritual condition** - If you have no integrity, then you have a spiritual problem, because God wants us to be righteous, to have integrity.
- e. **Integrity** Pleases God - “I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness” (Chronicles 29:17).
- d. Lack of **integrity** can **damage your testimony** - If someone knows that you have no integrity, they will certainly not listen to you when you share the Gospel with them.

2. What will Integrity do for me?

- a. **Integrity Blesses me** - “The just man walketh in his integrity, his children are blessed after him” (Proverbs 20:7). There is a great blessing in doing right without regrets.
- b. **Integrity Judges me** - “Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity” (Job 31:6). God will judge according to our righteousness and integrity.
- c. **Integrity Protects me** - “Let integrity and uprightness preserve me...” (Psalms 25:21). Integrity will protect as we venture through life. Some people spend so much time worrying about what they said to whom, or how they acted in a certain situation because they have no integrity. A person with integrity never has to worry about what he has said to others. His integrity will protect him.
- d. **Integrity Guides me** - “The integrity of the upright shall guide them...” (Proverbs 11:3). Our integrity will guide our steps through life. We will not have to worry what to do in certain situations, because we always trust in God who will direct us. Because of integrity we focus on the Lord and not the problems.

3. How Do I Get Integrity?

- a. You Pursue **Integrity** With All Your Heart - Spend your lives seeking integrity. Desire it as you make every decision. Base your life on it. Base your WALK on it. Be able to say, like David did in Psalms 26:1, Judge me, O Lord, for I have walked in mine integrity, I have trusted also in the Lord, therefore I shall not slide. When we walk in integrity we will not lose our direction.
- b. You Protect **Integrity** - With All Your Heart. Why, because you can easily lose your integrity. If you are not careful, if you don’t seek it, and protect it daily, you may walk away from it. Your daily walk - Studying His word - Prayer Time
- c. You Practice **Integrity** - With All Your Heart. In every decision and in every situation act with integrity.
- d. You Pray For **Integrity** - Seek God earnestly that He will let you have integrity.

Conclusion – As a Christian you should live a life of integrity. If the people in your community, in your neighborhood, in your office, in your family, know you as a man or woman of integrity, how much easier will it be for you to share the Gospel with them than if you were known to lack integrity. Having integrity is our choice, let’s choose to do right. The world does not care what you know, until they know you care!

A Bible Lesson From A Pencil

Inspired by a "Message From My Pastor" By Ted Camp

I read that a **"proverb"** is a **short sentence** with much wisdom.
Some things are simple and some things are profound.
Then some things are **simply profound**.
I think the following article is **simply profound!**



There Are Many Different Pencils and Different Uses for Pencils!

A pencil maker told the "new pencil" seven important lessons it must learn...

- 1. Everything** you do will **leave a mark**. Your work will always be seen.
"Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it" (I Corinthians 3:13).
What kind of **marks** are you leaving with your life? What is your life? What is your testimony?
- You can **correct your mistakes**. That's why you have an **eraser**.
"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:9). Your pencil mistakes can be erased, but **only God** can **erase** sin.
- What is important is what is **inside** you. A beautiful pencil is **useless** without lead.
"Ye are of God...and have overcome them: because greater is he that **is in** you, than he that is in the world" (I John 4:4). It is not what happens to you but **in** you that makes the difference.
- There will be moments of painful **sharpenings** to make you a **better** pencil.
"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." (Proverbs 27:17).
You are useless when unsharpened. You need someone to sharpen you so you can be more used.
- To reach your fullest potential you must **yield to the hand** that guides you.
"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In **all** thy ways acknowledge him, and **he shall direct thy paths**" (Proverbs 3:5-6). **Let the Lord control your life!**
- Never forget you are **only** a pencil so just do **what you can** as a pencil.
"For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not" (II Corinthians 8:12). Have a willing mind to do what you can, not what you cannot do.
- You are not a **pen**, but you can be the **best pencil** possible. Accept your place and position.
"Now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him" (I Cor.12:18).
- A pencil has a "**Name**" or "**Image**" stamped on it to advertise and promote the "**Maker!**"
"And they brought unto him a penny. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image...? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he...Render (give) therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's" (Matthew 22:19-21). **Whose image is on you and your life?**

A pencil **in the Hand of God** can produce **eternal** results!
An **unused pencil** is useless and worthless. **What have you left undone?**
"Unwritten Words Are Never Read."

Learn A Bible Lesson From A Pencil!

What is Character?

By Jon Barr, SWM

Char-acter [kar-ik-ter] noun - the aggregate of features and traits that form the individual **nature** of some person or thing. **one such feature or trait; characteristic. moral or ethical quality: a man of fine, honorable character. qualities of honesty, courage, or the like; integrity: It takes character to stand up for God. Character or reputation: a stain on one's character.**

Character is the **inward** motivation to do right according to the highest standards of **behavior** in every situation.

Character is what you really are and reputation is what people think you are.

Character consists of the stable and distinctive qualities built into an individual's life that determine his or her responses, regardless of the circumstances.

Character is the wise response to the pressure of a difficult situation and what we do when we think that no one is watching. It is the predictor of good behavior.

What is Character? It is all of the qualities that make an individual.

Character is what you are when no one is looking. It is the **real** you.

Good or Bad Character

A person can either have **good** or **bad** character. **Good character** has a strong desire to do right. For Christians, good character follows God. It obeys the Bible. It does right even when it is hard to do right. **Bad character** does what is natural or easy. It does not have a set of rules to control life. Bad character is the opposite of good character. The Bible gives several examples of people whose **character changed**. **Peter** was a dirty mouthed fisherman. In Matthew 26:74 he cursed and acted as a worldly person. But he became an apostle who helped many people (Acts 5:15). After his character changed (his conversion) he had the opportunity to preach and to minister to thousands of people! A man filled with a demon (devil) was known for his **wild behavior**. Later he became a quiet disciple (Mark 5:5,15). The Apostle John had a **mean spirit**, but became known as the apostle of love (Luke 9:53-54; 1 John 4:7). The **woman of Samaria** had a bad reputation, but became a good witness for Jesus (John 4:17, 18, 29). **Saul** was a cruel leader who killed Christians. After he became a Christian his heart became tender toward others. Before he was saved he would do anything to hurt Christians. Now he would do anything to help people accept Christ (Acts 9:1, 21:13). The cold-hearted Philippian jailer threw Paul and Silas into prison. He was a rough, tough soldier, who did not care about helping people. After the prisoners refused to escape he accepted Christ and became a good friend to the Christians (Acts 16:24, 33).

Now, what kind of character do other people see in you? I mean, what is your reputation? Do people see you as being kind, helpful, nice, holy, or forgiving? Or do they think you are mean, hateful, wild, disobedient, or one who loves to party? Do they see good or bad in you? Often a person will pretend to be good. He will cover up his bad behavior, hoping some people will not notice it. Most of the time people can see through that kind of false life. In the examples above, each of the people received Jesus Christ as their Savior. Following Him can make a big difference in one's character. However good character does not come naturally, it must be developed. The word "**character**" is not in the Bible, but the Bible teaches good character. A person must always try to maintain a good report and testimony every day of his life. Everyone can improve and it takes character to make character.

Good Christian character has many qualities. Here is a short list: faithfulness, humility, love, thankfulness, obedience, self-control, patience, meekness, joy, peace, temperance, faith, forgiveness, integrity. There are many more qualities you can add. Pick one quality and work on it for several days. After you see some success, add another quality, then another. Keep working on all of the qualities, adding more all the time. After one year you will be surprised how your character has grown! Will you develop good character? You can. Decide right now to start developing Christian character. Learn from the Bible and grow in your life. Do you have a good testimony and reputation for Christ? Christians should have a consistent character that displays Christ to other people.

More Verses: 2 Peter 3:14, Romans 16:19, Matthew 5:48,
1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 John 3:3, Ephesians 5:8.

Character Chart

In the study of Christian Character there are many good qualities that make up good character. These are some of the most important examples. Learn to develop good character in your life.

Quality	Definition	Verse	Opposite	Example
Character	What you are when no one is looking. It is the REAL you.	Ephesians 5:1	Hypocrite	Noah (Gen. 6:8)
Thankfulness	Giving thanks.	1 Thess. 5:18	Take advantage	1 of 10 lepers (LK 17:15-16)
Christian Love	Unselfishly satisfying the need of others. Love is a decision.	Heb 13:1	Selfishness	Ruth (Ruth 1:16-17)
Forgiveness	Treating someone like he had never done wrong to you.	Ephesians 4:32	Revenge - "getting even"	Stephen (Acts 7:60)
Temperance	Self control and discipline.	2 Peter 1:6	Lust, being wild	Daniel (Daniel 1:8)
Patience	Joyfully waiting upon the Lord.	James 1:4	Worry, complaining	Job (James 5:11)
Humility	Being humble	1 Peter 5:5	Pride	Paul (1 Tim 1:15)
Joy	Inward happiness that comes from God.	1 John 1:4	Sadness	Peter (Acts 5:41)
Meekness	Accepting what God allows to happen without anger.	1 Peter 3:4	Anger, pride	Moses (Num. 12:3)
Obedience	Doing what God says, when God says it, with the right heart attitude.	Hebrews 13:17	Rebellion	Abraham (Heb. 11:8, 17)
Peace	Freedom from being upset or depressed by thoughts or emotions.	PS 34:14	Upset, worry	Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego
Diligence	Careful and faithful work.	Proverbs 4:23	Laziness	Berean Church (Acts 17:11)
Faithfulness	Continuing in a chosen path without change.	1 Corinthians 4:2	Changeable	Timothy (1 Cor 4:17)
Integrity	Following a set of moral values.	Proverbs 20:7	Dishonesty	Joseph (Gen 39:7-12)

Good character is not natural. Character must be developed.

You can change. You can grow. Habits Break Habits

Decide to build good character in your life.

The Devil will bring out the worse in you. God will bring out the best in you.

The Devil cannot make you sin, and God cannot make you serve.

You are a servant by choice. Seek to be a good Christian!

Good Character is a Godly Choice!

[Designed by Ted Camp for SWM - PO Box 889 – Trenton, Georgia 30752]
Personal Christian Survey Card for Your Class or Group
Make copies – Cut Cards For Each Member – Do not sign names

Give Good Christian Card – Explain – Return then give Bad Christian Card

Discuss results next week with class – Then ask “Which traits and actions do you have?”

Quick Christian Survey

List seven characteristics, traits and actions of a **GOOD** Christian

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

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Quick Christian Survey

List seven characteristics, traits and actions of a **BAD** Christian

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Quick Christian Survey

List seven characteristics, traits and actions of a **GOOD** Christian

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Quick Christian Survey

List seven characteristics, traits and actions of a **BAD** Christian

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Results From Christian Survey

Compiled January 2012 by Ted Camp, SWM

Survey compiled from... Internet throughout country – SWM – SS Classes

Results: Over 50 surveyed but I quickly learned that the results would be the same if 500 were surveyed - TC

List Six Character Traits, and Actions of Good Christians

Words with Similar Meaning Complied into One Category

Listed in order of importance - Note: These traits are not natural, but must be learned

1. Consistent Christians – Christlike – Godly - Good influence – Lord is upon life
2. Caring – Loving – Concerned – Considerate – Respectful – Sincere - Encouraging
3. Compassionate – Sweet Spirit – Thoughtful - Soul Conscious – Listens - Mentors
4. Kind – Gentle – Humble – Forgiving – Giving – Dependable – Reasonable - Fellowship
5. Good Attitude - Joyous – Refreshing – Friendly – Thankful – Has hospitably
6. Faithful – Honest – Trustworthy – Responsible – Hard working – Loyal - Has Integrity

Christians need to follow these good Christian character traits

Discuss: Can a non-Christian have the traits listed above?

Comments: Notice what is **absence**. All these traits are seen by others. It was called the Book of Acts because of the actions of the early Christians. The need is to be active in **daily practical** Christianity. If you want to know how Christians should act, ask non-Christians. There is no substitute for a changed life and a consistent Christian.

Some Statements: Pleasant when situations are not so pleasant. A strong shoulder to lean upon. Desires God's will. Christians are just different than world. Know that they really have a relationship with God. Christians should be slow to anger. A good Christian is teachable. Demonstrates the character of Christ consistently. **Draws people to Christ.**

List Six Character Traits, and Actions of Bad Christians

Words with Similar Meaning Complied into One Category

~ Listed in order of importance – These traits are natural, but need to be unlearned ~

1. Selfish – Uncaring – Bad influence – Self righteous – Vain – Uninterested in others
2. Unforgiving – Worldly – Hypocrisy – Self centered & Self Serving – Lustful - Carnal - Apathetic
3. Anger – Sullen – Hateful – Rude – Ugliness – Bitter – Quick temper - UnChristlike
4. Judgmental – Sarcastic – Accusational - Negative – Jealous – Envy - Greedy
5. Gossips – Deceitful – Creates Strife and division – Rebellious - Unpleasant
6. Unfruitful – Dishonest – Unfaithful Church – Untrustworthy - Lazy – Irresponsible - Stingy

Christians should not follow these bad character traits

Discuss: Can a Christian have the traits listed above?

Comments: Notice the “inward” unseen things that are absent. The “outward” traits as anger or greed are mentioned because these are “seen.” Also it seems these are viewed as acceptable because they are so common. Some major traits are not mentioned, because no one sees what a person practices in private. Notice all bad traits are **natural**, and do not need to be taught or learned. God saved your soul but **not your body**. Example: Anger cannot be **removed** but it can be **replaced**, controlled and conquered. God has a **replacement program** of **put-off and put-on** that must be placed into practice until the new man overpowers the old man. After you **stop** bad habits you need to **start** practicing new habits to **replace** the old habits. **Habits break habits.**

Some Statements: Loud about God but quiet about other issues. Can't fill out card as I don't want to be judgmental. Lack of commitment. Jumps to conclusion without all the facts. Lack of devotion to God. Lack of compassion. Priorities out of order. Not willing to be taught. Lives independently from God. Watches bad TV. Failing to do the six good traits I listed above. The opposite of the traits of a good Christian. **Drives people from Christ.**

Over All Conclusion: Christianity is evaluated by **outward actions** and **inward attitudes**. “And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the **disciples were called Christians** first in Antioch” (Acts 11:26). “Now when they **saw** the boldness of Peter and John, and **perceived** (understood) that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they **took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus**” (Acts 4:13). As the natives said about a missionary, “His **walkie walkie** is not as his **talkie talkie**.” The greatest need today is a **consistent Christian** to live Christ-like. As one man said, “You have something I do not have but I need.” I quickly led him to the Lord. Some may also say, “What he has I don't want.” The Lord stated, “**Whose is this image** (on the coin)...? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he...Render therefore **unto Caesar** the things which are Caesar's; and **unto God** the things that are God's.” **Whose image in on you? Can people see Christ in you? Do your actions display a good Christian?**

Let's Talk About Biblical Humility

By Ted Camp, Silent Word Ministries – PO Box 889 – Trenton, GA 30752 (Chart by Bill Ritchie)

“The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility” – Proverbs 15:33

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”
Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I often come close to being authentically humble.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me strength to be humble and avoid arrogance.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I am humble around people outside the church.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I am a completely humble person.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I avoid thinking of myself more highly than I should.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I give glory to God, not myself, for my successes.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart **above** – Then circle your score on chart **below**.

Circle Your Score 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Test Yourself: Scores **55+** Very high = **50+** Above average = **40+** Average = **35+** Low average = **30– You Need Help!**
If your score is **below 30** you need improvement. Discuss this area with a trusted friend to identify possible weaknesses.

Seek improvement. You cannot change others - You can change yourself. Put Off & Put On - Habits break habits – Do it!
“Humbleness is talking less about you and talking more about others.”

Let's Talk About Biblical Forgiveness

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“be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another...as God ... hath forgiven you” --Ephesians 4:32.

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions ?”
Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Sometimes	Often	Almost Always	Always			
1	2	3	4	5	6			
1. I often forgive people who have hurt me.			1	2	3	4	5	6
2. God gives me strength to forgive difficult people.			1	2	3	4	5	6
3. I consistently forgive people who wrong me.			1	2	3	4	5	6
4. I have truly forgiven myself for past mistakes.			1	2	3	4	5	6
5. I strive to make my heart as forgiving as possible.			1	2	3	4	5	6
6. People can see that I show forgiveness.			1	2	3	4	5	6
7. I restore friendships by forgiving others.			1	2	3	4	5	6
Total Score =								

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Test Yourself: Scores **40+** Very high = **35+** Above average = **30+** Average = **20+** Low average = **20– You Need Help!**
If your score is **below 30** you need improvement. Discuss this area with a trusted friend to identify possible weaknesses.

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“Is there someone you need to forgive? Remember, someone must give in to restore fellowship.”

Let's Talk About Biblical Thankfulness

By Ted Camp, Silent Word Ministries – PO Box 889 – Trenton, GA 30752 (Chart by Bill Ritchie)

“In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” – 1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”

Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I often thank God outwardly for His blessings.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. I'm thankful every day that God protects and provides.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I am the most thankful person on the planet.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I am a completely grateful person.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I often show my gratitude for God's grace.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I often fail to be thankful for small blessings.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7. It's not possible to be thankful in my situation.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8. I really find it difficult to be thankful to other people.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9. I can't be grateful when there is so much pain in my life.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10. I do not show thankfulness to God most of the time.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

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Let's Talk About Biblical Contentment

By Ted Camp, Silent Word Ministries – PO Box 889 – Trenton, GA 30752 (Chart by Bill Ritchie)

“For I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content” – Philippians 4:11

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”

Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I am content with all aspects of my life.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me strength to be content in all circumstances.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I have a strong feeling of contentment in relationships.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I am a contented person because I believe God is faithful.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I'm content because I know God provides and protects.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I feel deep contentment while completing daily tasks.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart **above** – Then circle your score on chart **below**.

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Let's Talk About Biblical Peace

By Ted Camp, Silent Word Ministries – PO Box 889 – Trenton, GA 30752 (Chart by Bill Ritchie)

**“And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”
– Philippians 4:7**

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”
Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I am at peace because I know God's plan for my life.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me a sense of well being even in hard times.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I sense God's peacefulness even in hard times.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I have a quiet confidence around other people.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I feel God's hand on my life.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. Other people say that they see the peace of God in me.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

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Circle Your Score 6 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Test Yourself: Scores **60+** Very high = **55+** Above average = **40+** Average = **35+** Low average = **30– You Need Help!**
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“It's not what happens to you but in you that makes the difference”

Let's Talk About Biblical Joy

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“Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice.” Philippians 4:4

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”
Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I continually have an inner quiet and joy about my future.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me joy regardless of the cares of life.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I am a very joyful person around other people.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I often feel a deep joy even when times are hard.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I feel joyful when I know I'm doing God's work.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. Other people say that they see godly joy in me.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Happiness is when good things happen - Joy within is from the Lord no matter what happens.

Let's Talk About Biblical Obedience

By Ted Camp, Silent Word Ministries – PO Box 889 – Trenton, GA 30752 (Chart by Bill Ritchie)

“And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams” – 1 Samuel 15:22

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”

Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I totally yield to God, being eager to obey.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me strength to submit to His will and timing.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I obey the Word because I want to serve the Lord.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I am a very obedient person around people in authority.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I follow the example of Jesus who obeyed the Father.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I can easily obey requirements at school or work.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart **above** – Then circle your score on chart **below**.

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“Even partial obedience is still disobedience.”

Let's Talk About Biblical Faithfulness

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“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” – 1 Corinthians 4:2

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”

Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I often feel confident God will do what He promises.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me strength to be faithful in tough times.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I have learned to wait on the Lord's timing.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I am a person who completely trusts the Lord to provide.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. Other people say that they see godly faithfulness in me.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I have often proven that I can be faithful to God's Word.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart **above** – Then circle your score on chart **below**.

Circle Your Score 6 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Test Yourself: Scores **50+** Very high = **45+** Above average = **40+** Average = **35+** Low average = **25– You Need Help!**

If your score is **below 25** you need improvement. Discuss this area with a trusted friend to identify possible weaknesses.

Seek improvement. You cannot change others - You can change yourself. Put Off & Put On - Habits break habits – Do it!

“Salvation is free but being a faithful servant is a choice.”

Let's Talk About Biblical Purity

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“Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy” – 1 Peter 1:16

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”
Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some- times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I am transparent in revealing my sin to God.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. I am dedicated to staying pure.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I feel that God has set me apart for a holy purpose.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I can easily control myself to act holy in all situations.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. Other people say often that they see God's Spirit in me.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I am good at maintaining holiness in my relationships.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart **above** – Then circle your score on chart **below**.

Circle Your Score 6 15 20 25 30 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Test Yourself: Scores **60+** Very high = **55+** Above average = **45+** Average = **35+** Low average = **30– You Need Help!**

If your score is **below 30** you need improvement. Discuss this area with a trusted friend to identify possible weaknesses.

Seek improvement. You cannot change others - You can change yourself. Put Off & Put On - Habits break habits – Do it!

“It is never right to do wrong – Never!”

Let's Talk About Biblical Self-Control

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“He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty...he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.”
– Proverbs 16:32

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”
Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some- times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I lose my temper easily.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me strength to have self-control.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I react kindly when people are unkind to me.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I control my physical and moral desires.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. My life is disciplined and orderly.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. My responses show Christ to others.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart **above** – Then circle your score on chart **below**.

Circle Your Score 6 20 25 30 35 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60

Test Yourself: Scores **60+** Very high = **55+** Above average = **45+** Average = **35+** Low average = **30– You Need Help!**

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“Who is in control? – Don't let your body control you.”

Let's Talk About Biblical Patience

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“...the trying of your faith worketh patience...let patience have her perfect work...” – James 1:3 - 4.

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”

Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I patiently wait on God to help me in stressful times.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. God gives me strength to be patient when I'm delayed.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I can peacefully endure long delays that are stressful.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I am a very patient person.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. People say that I am patient and “long-suffering”.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. I can be patient even when people attack me.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
7. I do not do well with problems that take years to solve.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8. My motto is “Don't delay-Do something fast!”					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9. I can easily get impatient with stressful tasks.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10. I really suffer when important things are delayed.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

Instructions: Score Yourself – Circle and total your score on chart above – Then circle your score on chart below.

Circle Your Score 10 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 61.2 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 75 80 85 90 95 100

Test Yourself: Scores **80+** Very high = **75+** Above average = **65+** Average = **55+** Low average = **40– You Need Help!**

If your score is **below 40** you need improvement. Discuss this area with a trusted friend to identify possible weaknesses.

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“Lord grant me patience and hurry!”

Let's Talk About Biblical Love

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“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another” – John 13:35.

Please read the following statements and ask yourself, “Do I agree that this describes my attitudes and actions?”

Circle a response number on the scale showing how often this is true in your life. Please be honest with yourself.

Never	Almost Never	Rarely	Once in a While	Some-times	Half of the Time	Often	Most of the Time	Almost Always	Always					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
1. I often feel love for people that the world calls “unlovable”.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2. I truly feel God's love every day.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3. I am a very loving person.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
4. I often have feelings of love for lost people of the world.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5. I feel God's calling to love my family unconditionally.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6. Other people say that they see Jesus' love in my life.					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Score =														

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Character Qualities

Source: Billgothard.com

The Greek word for *character* is *charakter*. It is translated in Scripture as the “express image.” According to *The Complete Word Study Dictionary New Testament*, the word “originally denoted an engraver or engraving tool. Later it meant the impression itself, usually something engraved, cut in, or stamped, a character, letter, mark, [or] sign. This impression with its particular features was considered as the exact representation of the object whose image it bore.”

In Hebrews 1:3, Christ is referred to as the “express image” of God; He fully expressed the character of God through His life. One of God’s primary goals for believers is to transform them into the image of His Son so that they may be a reflection of the character of Christ. We can take comfort in this purpose when we experience difficulties because “We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

Bible Definitions of Christian Character Qualities

Alertness vs. *Unawareness* - Be aware of what is taking place around me so I can have the right response to it (Mark 14:38)

Attentiveness vs. *Unconcern* - Showing worth of a person by giving undivided attention to words and emotions (Heb. 2:1)

Availability vs. *Self-centeredness* - Making my own priorities secondary to the wishes of those I serve (Phil. 2:20–21)

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)

Cautiousness vs. *Rashness* - Knowing how important right timing is in accomplishing right actions (Proverbs 19:2)

Compassion vs. *Indifference* - Investing whatever is necessary to heal the hurts of others (I John 3:17)

Contentment vs. *Covetousness* - Realize God has provided everything I need for my present happiness (I Timothy 6:8)

Creativity vs. *Underachievement* - Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective (Romans 12:2)

Decisiveness vs. *Double-mindedness* - Ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God (James 1:5)

Deference vs. *Rudeness* - Limiting my freedom in order not offend the tastes of those I serve (Romans 14:21)

Dependability vs. *Inconsistency* - Fulfilling what I consented to do even if it means unexpected sacrifice (Psalm 15:4)

Determination vs. *Faintheartedness* – Purpose: accomplish God’s goals - God’s time regardless of opposition (II Tim. 4:7)

Diligence vs. *Slothfulness* - Visualize each task as a special assignment from God and use my energies to do it (Col. 3:23)

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

Discretion vs. *Simplemindedness* - Avoid words, actions, and attitudes that could result in undesirable consequences (Pr. 22:3)

Endurance vs. *Giving up* - The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God’s best (Galatians 6:9)

Enthusiasm vs. *Apathy* - Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit (I Thessalonians 5:16,19)

Faith vs. *Presumption* - Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it (Heb. 11:1)

Flexibility vs. *Resistance* - Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others (Col. 3:2)

Forgiveness vs. *Rejection* - Clearing records of those who wronged me - allowing God to love them through me (Eph. 4:32)

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

Gentleness vs. *Harshness* - Showing personal care and concern in meeting the need of others (I Thessalonians 2:7)

Gratefulness vs. *Unthankfulness* - Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life (I Cor. 4:7)

Hospitality vs. *Loneliness* - Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, spiritual refreshment those God brings into my life (Heb. 13:2)

Humility vs. *Pride* - Recognizing that it is God and others who are responsible for the achievements in my life (James 4:6)

Initiative vs. *Unresponsiveness* - Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it (Romans 12:21)

Joyfulness vs. *Self-pity* - Spontaneous enthusiasm of my spirit when my soul is in fellowship with the Lord (Psalm 16:11)

Justice vs. Fairness - Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws (Micah 6:8)

Love vs. Selfishness - Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward (I Corinthians 13:3)

Loyalty vs. Unfaithfulness - Using difficult times to show my commitment to God and to those whom I serve (Jh. 15:13)

Meekness vs. Anger - Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God (Psalm 62:5)

Obedience vs. Willfulness - Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority (II Cor. 10:5)

Orderliness vs. Disorganization - Prepare myself so I will achieve the greatest efficiency (I Cor.14:40)

Patience vs. Restlessness - Accepting difficult situations from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it (Rom. 5:3)

Persuasiveness vs. Contentiousness - Guiding vital truths around another's mental roadblocks (II Timothy 2:24)

Punctuality vs. Tardiness - Showing high esteem for other people and their time (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Resourcefulness vs. Wastefulness - Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard (Luke 16:10)

Responsibility vs. Unreliability - Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me (Romans 14:12)

Reverence vs. Disrespect - Awareness of how God works through people and events to produce Christ in me (Pr. 23:17–18)

Security vs. Anxiety - Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away (John 6:27)

Self-Control vs. Self-indulgence - Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:24–25)

Sensitivity vs. Callousness - Exercise my senses to perceive the true spirit and emotions of those around me (Romans 12:15)

Sincerity vs. Hypocrisy - Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives (I Peter 1:22)

Thoroughness vs. Incompleteness - Knowing what will diminish the effectiveness of my work if neglected (Proverbs 18:15)

Thriftiness vs. Extravagance - Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary (Luke 16:11)

Tolerance vs. Prejudice - Acceptance of others of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity (Philippians 2:2)

Truthfulness vs. Deception - Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts (Ephesians 4:25)

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)

Wisdom vs. Natural Inclinations - Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference (Proverbs 9:10)



God Knows The Real You!

You can Fool Others but Not God!

How to Know You Are “In Christ”

Jesus Christ is The Way, The Truth, and The Life

“Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?”

Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”**

– John 14:5-6

There Are Many Religions but Only One Gospel, and Only One Way to Heaven! Today many think, “**All roads lead to Rome.**” In other words, it does not matter which road you travel. You will soon arrive in Rome. Well, that may be true about going to Rome or Washington, DC, but it is **not true** about **going to Heaven**. When you die, you will not go to Rome or Washington, DC, but you will either go to **Heaven or Hell**. As Rome is a real place, so are **Heaven and Hell**. Many are traveling the road toward **Hell**, and only a few are traveling toward **Heaven**. “Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction (Hell), and **many** there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life (Heaven), and **few** there be that find it” (Matthew 7:13-14). **The Bible is God’s road map (GPS) to Heaven.**

Some believe that **all roads, all religions, and all gods** will lead to Heaven. That is not true. There are **many** religions, but there is **only one Gospel**. There are many churches, but there is **only One Christ**. “But though we, or an angel from heaven, **preach any other gospel** unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed...” (Galatians 1:8-9). There are **options** for **milk** as skim, 1%, 2%, whole, sweet, chocolate, and buttermilk. There are **options** for churches as Methodists, Pentecostal, Muslim, and many Baptist churches, but there are **no options** to Heaven. “Neither is there salvation **in any other**: for there is **none other name** under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). **Jesus Christ is God’s GPS to Heaven!** There is **only one true and living God and no options**. “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the **only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent**” (John 17:13). “For there is **one God**; and there is **none other...**” (Mark 12:32). “There is **one body...one Spirit (Holy Spirit)... one hope...One Lord...one faith, one baptism** (into Christ), **One God** (Creator) and **Father of all**, who is above all, and through all, and in you all” (Ephesians 4:4-6).

When you die, God does not ask the name of your church. The Bible says, “**Salvation which is in Christ Jesus**” (not “**in** the church). God only sees **two kinds** of people, those (1) “**in Christ,**” and those (2) “**without Christ.**” When you are “**in Christ,**” you have the **way, the truth, and the life.**

I Am The Way – Jesus Christ restores broken fellowship between God and sinners (John 3:16). Jesus is not “**a**” way, but “**the**” way to Heaven. You will always **come short** trying other ways (Romans 3:23). Jesus Christ is **the Way** to Heaven. There are many ways to New York, but there is only one way to Heaven!

I Am The Truth - The Word of God is the only absolute truth. **All** have sinned (Romans 3:23). “**All**” includes you. Eve listened to the Devil’s lies. Adam disobeyed God (Romans 5:12). **Truth** is **not found** in **philosophy**, but in a **Person**. When you find Jesus Christ, you find the **truth!** **All other religions and cults are false.**

I Am The Life - **All without Christ** are spiritually **dead** (Ephesians 2:1). All “**without Christ**” are alive to the things of the world, but dead to heavenly things. Those “**without Christ**” only exist, but have no true spiritual life.

All “**in Christ**” have passed from spiritual **death** into spiritual **life** (John 5:24). “He that believeth on the **Son hath everlasting life**” (John 3:36). Only God can satisfy the longing soul (Psalm 127:9). All “**in Christ**” have eternal life.

Conclusion: Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The Way - Christ Himself is **the Way** to the **Father. The Truth** - Christ is not merely One who teaches truth, but He Himself is the Truth. **The Life** – Jesus said, “**I am the life.**” **Without Christ** you are dead in trespasses and sins. Christ said, “I am come that they might have **life**, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). **You** cannot find **the way, know the truth, or experience the life** without Christ. “**No man cometh unto the Father, but by me**” (John 14:6). **No man** includes you! **Are you “in Christ”?** I am not asking, “**Are you in the church, but are you in Christ.**” “But as many as **received him (Christ Jesus)**, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name” (John 1:12). **Beware**, “There is a **way** which **seemeth right** unto a man, but **the end** thereof are the ways of death” (Proverbs 14:12). **So, all roads may lead to Rome, but only the Lord Jesus Christ leads to Heaven.** When you come to the end of life, make sure you are “**in Christ.**” Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, died as the **sacrifice** for your sin, He was buried as your **substitute**, and He rose from the grave to be your **Saviour. This is the Gospel that will take you to Heaven.** There are **no options**. All “**in Christ**” will go to Heaven. Are you “in Christ?” Are you “without Christ?” Will you now pray and receive Jesus Christ as **the way** to Heaven?

Do You Desire To Be Saved?

Do you want to know that you will go to Heaven?

You can know for sure.

(I John 5:13)

You need to pray and receive Jesus as your Lord and Saviour

(John 1:12).

We want to meet you in Heaven.

In Heaven, there will be no more sickness, sorrow, pain or death.

(Revelation 21:4)

Be saved now, tomorrow may be too late.

Pray This Prayer to God

*“Dear God, I know I have sinned. I know Jesus died for me.
I now ask Jesus to forgive my sins and save me. I believe Jesus died,
was buried, and rose from the grave to forgive my sins.
I am now saved – Amen.”*

Name _____

Address _____

Mail this decision to Silent Word Ministries. We will rejoice and send helpful literature

Do You Desire to be a Good Christian?

Pray and make a Commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ

Yes, I desire to be a good Christian.

Christ died for me, I will live for Him.

I desire to be faithful to my Lord and my church.

I desire to be a witness to those who do not know Christ.

I now desire for the Lord to use me.

I now dedicate my life to serve God.

I will now seek to bring glory to my Lord.

I now give my life to Him.

I promise I will stand with Christians of the past

and proudly testify to the world that

“I am a Christian!”

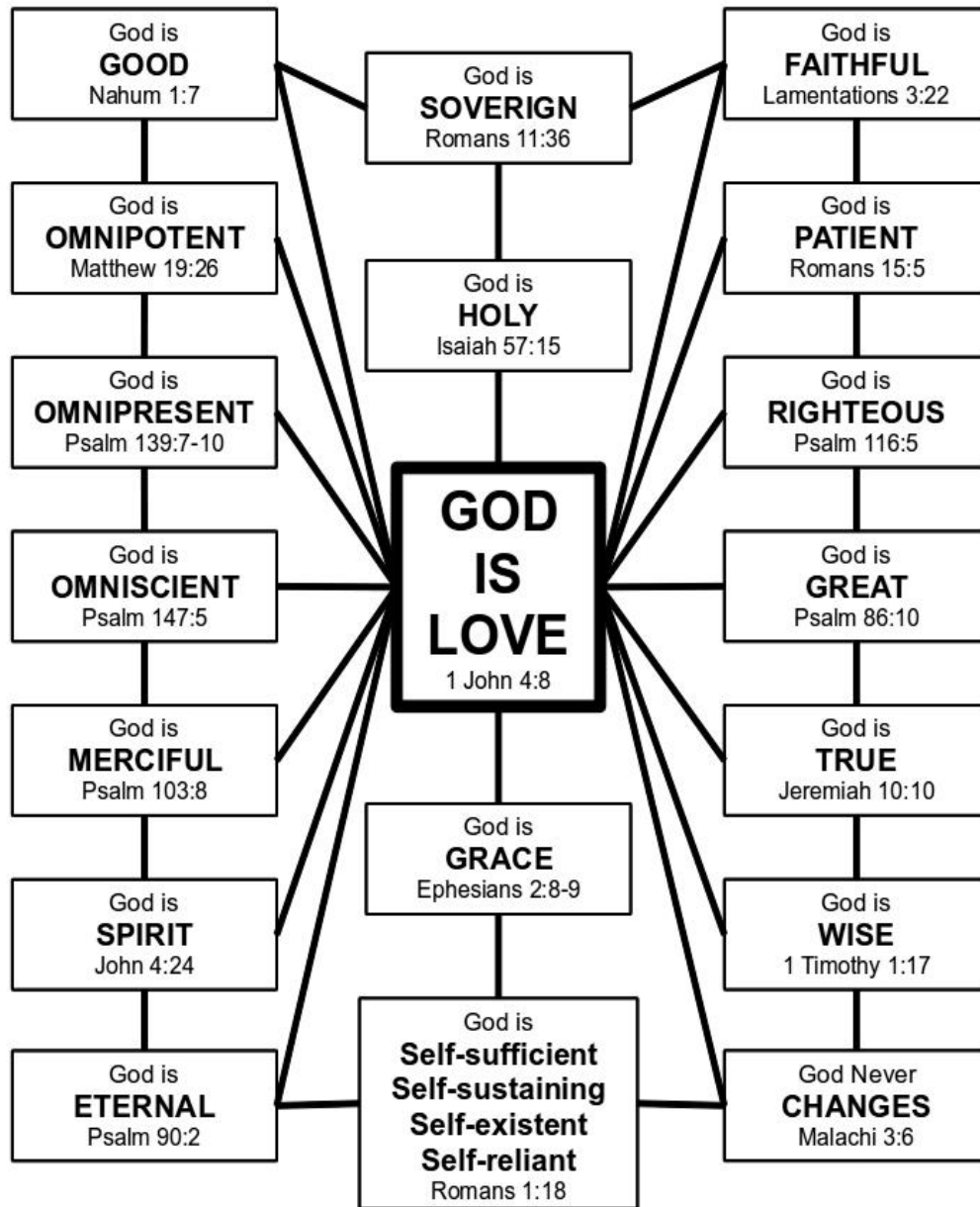
I promise I will not stop or give up no matter what happens.

-- Amen!

Signed _____

Date _____

The Attributes of God



There are some attributes that **only God has** and man will never have.



The Deaf In The Local Church

**Therefore...Brethren,
be ye stedfast, unmoveable,
always abounding
in the work of the Lord.”
– I Corinthians 15:58**



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Put Off ...Put On

God's Replacement Program

Colossians 3:8-14



Put Off...These Things

Ephesians 4:22

1. Lack of Love... I John 4:7-8
2. Judging Others...Matthew 7:1-2
3. Bitterness...Hebrews 12:15
4. Selfishness...Philippians 2:21
5. Pride...Proverbs 16:5
6. Stubbornness...I Samuel 15:23
7. Disrespect of Authority...Acts 23:5
8. Rebellion...I Samuel 15:23
9. Disobedience...I Samuel 12:15
10. Impatience...James 1:2-4
11. Ungratefulness...Romans 1:21
12. Discontent...Hebrews 13:5
13. Jealousy...Galatians 5:26
14. Strife/Contention...Proverbs 13:10
15. Getting Even...Proverbs 24:9
16. Anger...Proverbs 29:22
17. Hatred...Matthew 5:21-22
18. Gossip... I Timothy 5:13
19. Lying...Ephesians 4:25
20. Profanity...Proverbs 4:24
21. Evil Thoughts...Matthew 15:19-20
22. Laziness...Proverbs 20:4
23. Hypocrisy...Job 8:13
24. Worry/Fear...Matthew 6:25-32
25. Unbelief...Hebrews 3:12
26. Unfaithfulness...Proverbs 25:19
27. Prayerlessness...Luke 18:1
28. Lost burden...Matthew 9:36-38
29. Procrastination...Proverbs 10:5
30. Stealing...Proverbs 29:24
31. Gluttony...Proverbs 23:21
32. Wrong Friends...Psalm 1:1
33. Stinginess...I John 3:17
34. Fornication...I Corinthians 6:18
35. Adultery...Matthew 5:27-28
36. Homosexuality...Leviticus 18:22
37. Incest...Leviticus 18:6
38. Pornography...Psalm 101:3
39. Immodest Dress...Proverbs 7:10
40. Flirtation...Proverbs 7:21
41. Alcoholism...Proverbs 20:1
42. Gambling...Proverbs 28:20-22
43. Witchcraft/Astrology...Deut. 18:10-11
44. Worldliness...Proverbs 21:27
45. Flesh...Galatians 5:19-21

Put On...These Things

Romans 14:14

1. Love... John 15:12
2. Judge Myself...John 8:9
3. Forgiving - Kind...Ephesians 4:32
4. Self Denial...John 12:24
5. Humility...James 4:6
6. Brokenness...Romans 6:13
7. Honor Authority...Hebrews 13:17
8. Submission...Hebrews 13:17
9. Obedience...Deuteronomy 11:27
10. Patience...Hebrews 10:36
11. Gratefulness...Ephesians 5:20
12. Contentment...I Timothy 6:8
13. Trust...I Corinthians 13:4
14. Peace...James 3:17
15. Return Good for Evil...Romans 12:19
16. Self-Control...Galatians 5:22-23
17. Love...I Corinthians 13:3
18. Edifying Speech...Ephesians 4:29
19. Speak Truth...Zechariah 8:16
20. Good Speech...Proverbs 15:4
21. Good Thoughts...Philippians 4:8
22. Diligence...Proverbs 6:6-11
23. Sincerity...I Thessalonians 2:3
24. Trust...I Peter 5:7
25. Faith...Hebrews 11:1-6
26. Faithfulness...Luke 16:10-12
27. Praying...Matthew 26:41
28. Compassion...Acts 1:8
29. Diligence...Proverbs 27:1
30. Giving...Luke 6:38
31. Discipline...I Corinthians 9:27
32. Godly Friends...Proverbs 13:20
33. Generosity...Proverbs 11:24-25
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38. Pure Thoughts...Philippians 4:8
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42. Good Stewardship...Luke 16:11
43. One True God...Deuteronomy 6:5
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