

40 Qualities that are Important in the Building of a Productive Life:

1. Your **Attitude** is the way you feel about particular events or situations. It shows in your words and in your actions. **Numbers 14: 1 – 10; Joshua 14: 9 - 12; Daniel 3: 16, 17; Psalm 3:6; 27:3; Isaiah 12:2**
2. **Awareness**, means knowing what is going on around you. It involves all kinds of things, like the weather, or a sports activity, or a friend who is going through some tough times. **Acts 13: 39 – 41; Colossians 2:8; II Peter 3:17**
3. **Caring**, means being interested or concerned about someone or something. It's easy to see that your family and friends care about you. **Luke 10: 30 – 37; I Corinthians 12: 12 – 27**
4. Your **Character** is the sum of all the qualities that make you who you are. It's your values, your thoughts, your words, your actions...in other words, it's YOU. Like it or not, you will often be judged by your character. **Genesis 35 – 50 (Joseph)**
5. **Citizenship**, is the way you conduct yourself within a community, such as the town you live in or the school you go to. Good citizens give back to that community by doing things that make it better, while the poor citizens try to tear it down. **Romans 13: 1 – 7; I Timothy 2: 1 – 3**
6. A **Commitment** is an agreement or a pledge to do something in the future. It's like a promise, and when you commit to something you are giving your word that you will do it. **Ecclesiastes 5: 1 – 6; Acts 5: 1 – 11**
7. **Communication**, is the means by which people exchange information. The people who get ahead in life are the people who can communicate. **Galatians 6:6; I Timothy 6:18**
8. **Compassion**, is an awareness of other people's problems and a desire to help. It can involve your family, your friends, or total strangers. **Psalm 78:38; 86:15; Matthew 9:36; Matthew 18: 21 – 35; I Peter 3:8; I John 3:17; Jude 1:22**
9. **Confidence**, is a feeling of belief, or of being certain of something. It's also called self-esteem. Being confident in yourself and your abilities is very important to your success in school and in life. **Hebrews 10:35; I John 2:28; 3:21; 5:14; Philippians 1:6**
10. **Consideration**, means being thoughtful of the rights and feelings of others. It means treating people the way you would like them to treat you. **Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12; Matthew 7:12**
11. **Cooperation**, is the ability and willingness to work with others. There aren't many things you can accomplish totally by yourself – It takes cooperation to make things happen. **Joshua 1: 16 – 18**
12. **Courage**, is not the absence of fear – It is the ability to face your fear. **Deuteronomy 31:6, 7; Joshua 1: 6 – 8; Daniel 6:10; I Chronicles 28:20; Acts 28: 11 – 16**
13. **Courtesy**, is a show of respect and consideration for others. Sometimes people show "common courtesy" to strangers and old people, but show no courtesy to the people who are closest to them, like friends and family. **I Peter 3:8; Acts 27: 1 – 3; 28: 7 – 10; Colossians 4:6**

14. **Creativity**, means coming up with new thoughts or ideas, or new ways to do things. **Isaiah 42: 5 – 9; 43:19; Jeremiah 31: 31 – 34; Mark 2: 18 – 22**
15. **Dependability**, means people can count on you. It means you follow through on your promises and do the things you say you'll do. **II Corinthians 11: 9 – 12; II Thessalonians 3:4**
16. **Diligence**, means sticking to a task until it is completed or mastered. Some people call it stick-to-it-ive-ness! **Proverbs 4:23; II Peter 1: 5, 10; Hebrews 6: 9 – 12**
17. **Discipline**, doesn't just mean punishment. When we're talking about character, it means self-control. If you have discipline, it means you take control of your own actions. **Job 36: 5 – 12**
18. **Effort**, is your willingness to try. **John 2: 1 – 9; I Samuel 17: 20 – 51**
19. **Enthusiasm**, is the level of excitement you feel about something. Your enthusiasm shows that you are interested and that you care. **II Kings 10: 15 – 17; Romans 10: 1, 2; II Corinthians 9:2; Colossians 4: 12, 13**
20. **Fairness**, has many meanings, like doing the right thing, treating people the way they should be treated, and being impartial (not taking sides). **I Samuel 12: 20 – 24; Joshua 24:15; Ephesians 4:32**
21. **Focus**, means concentration. It involves paying attention and avoiding distractions. **I Samuel 17: 40 – 51; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1: 1 – 3; I Timothy 4:15**
22. **Generosity**, is the act of giving. Often it means giving up money or possessions. But it can also mean giving time, or a listening ear, or kindness, or a smile, or just about anything. So you see, you don't have to be rich to be generous – we ALL have things we can give. **Luke 6: 27 - 38; II Corinthians 9:7; Ephesians 4:28**
23. **Honesty**, is truthfulness. It means you are not going to lie or cheat or steal. Honesty is one of the building blocks of strong character, and it is something you display every day of your life. **Romans 12:17; II Corinthians 8:21; I Peter 2:12**
24. **Humility**, means being humble, or not thinking that you're "all that"! It's important for you to be confident about yourself. But going too far means you're cocky, and that's not a good thing. Humility makes you believe that there is still more you can do to learn and improve. **Micah 6:8; James 4:10; I Peter 5:3; Acts 20: 17 – 21; Proverbs 22:4; I Timothy 1:15**
25. **Initiative**, is your ability to get going. **Numbers 14: 5 – 10, 30 – 40**
26. **Integrity**, is like a code of honor. If you have integrity, it means that you have certain values and beliefs that you live by. It also means you respect the values and beliefs of others. Integrity is a lot like honesty – it's one of the building blocks of character. **Job 2: 3 – 9; Proverbs 11:3; 20:7; Psalm 25: 20, 21**
27. **Kindness**, is just a matter of being nice. Nice to people, nice to animals, nice to other peoples' property...you know, just being NICE. It sounds so simple, but sometimes people are so wrapped up in themselves and their own problems that they stop being kind to each other. **II Samuel 2: 5, 6; 9: 1 – 8; Colossians 3:12; Romans 12:10; Joseph: Genesis 50: 20, 21; The Good Samaritan: Luke 10: 30 - 37**

28. **Leadership**, means taking charge or setting an example for others. I Corinthians 4:16; 11:1; Philippians 3:17; II Thessalonians 3: 6 – 9
29. **Loyalty**, is faithfulness. It means standing by someone even when times get tough. Loyalty is an important part of friendship. I Samuel 18: 1 – 14; 19: 1 – 17; 24: 1 – 18
30. **Motivation**, is something that causes you to take action. It's a feeling or event that gets you moving. People who are motivated have a better chance of reaching the goals they set for themselves. Philippians 3:7–14
31. **Optimism**, means having a positive outlook on things. It means thinking that things are going to turn out well. People who are optimistic usually plan ahead and prepare for the things they are about to do, and that helps things turn out well. Job 13: 15 – 22
32. **Patience**, is the ability to wait for things without whining or complaining. It is a quality that many people do not have, and it can take a long time to develop. You might want something NOW, but sometimes you have to be patient and wait. Romans 5: 3 – 5; 15: 4, 5; Hebrews 6: 11, 12; 12:1; James 1: 3, 4
33. **Politeness** means speaking and acting in a civil way and using good manners. It's a lot like courtesy and kindness. Another way to put it is not being "rude". Being polite means you know how to act in social settings like a banquet or a church service. Proverbs 19: 22, 23; Colossians 3:12
34. **Resourcefulness**, is the ability to find a way to get things done. It means you can figure things out even if the answers aren't right there in front of you. If you are resourceful, you will be more successful in school and in your chosen career. Nehemiah 2: 1 -8, 20
35. **Respect**, means showing regard for other people's feelings or possessions. It is an attitude that you display every day. Showing respect for others is very important in the way you relate to people, and it is a HUGE part of your character. Titus 3:1; Hebrews 13:17; Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20
36. **Responsibility**, is what you are showing when you own up to something. When you are responsible, you take control of your actions and your obligations. It might also mean taking the blame for something that is your fault rather than point the finger at someone else. Exodus 32: 30 – 32; Genesis 43: 1 – 9; Psalm 51: 1 – 13
37. **Sincerity**, means being real and genuine – not fake. It means speaking or acting "from the heart" and really meaning it. Sincerity is often the basis of very strong friendships, because you know that person is being real with you. Joshua 24: 14, 15; Titus 2:7; II Corinthians 8:8
38. **Teamwork**, means working together to achieve a common goal. Nehemiah 4:6; Acts 2: 42 – 47; Acts 12: 11 – 16; I Corinthians 1: 10; 3: 6 – 10
39. **Tolerance**, is your ability to accept values, practices, or beliefs that differ from your own. It also means accepting people who come from different places and have different backgrounds. You will need to be tolerant as you explore the world and meet new people. Be careful never to tolerate what the Bible condemns. Romans 14: 1 – 12; 15: 1 – 3; Galatians 6: 1 – 3; I Corinthians 10: 11 – 13
40. **Trustworthiness**, means you are worthy of someone's trust. People know they can trust you and believe in you because of the kind of person you are. People who are trustworthy are often given a lot of responsibility because they can get the job done. Numbers 30: 1, 2; Joshua 1:13