

# Character Traits

## Purpose

Scripture teaches not only what believers should believe, but also what kind of people they should become. Throughout the Bible, Yahweh calls His people to develop godly character traits such as love, humility, kindness, patience, forgiveness, gentleness, mercy, and faithfulness.

This study examines the attitudes and behaviors that Yahweh desires to see in His people and how those qualities reflect His character.

## Instructions

Read each passage and discuss what character traits are being encouraged. Consider how these qualities can be developed and practiced in everyday life.

## Key Scriptures

### Love

- Matthew 22:37–39
- Romans 13:8–10
- John 13:35
- John 15:12–13
- 1 Corinthians 13:1–3
- 1 Corinthians 16:14
- 1 John 4:7–16

### Humility

- Philippians 2:3–11
- Romans 12:3
- Romans 12:16
- Luke 14:7–11
- Matthew 18:1–5
- James 4:10
- Micah 6:8
- Proverbs 22:4
- Psalm 25:9
- Matthew 23:10–12

### Kindness, Mercy, and Forgiveness

- Matthew 6:14–15
- Luke 6:35
- Ephesians 4:29–32
- Colossians 3:12–14

- Proverbs 17:17
- James 5:16

### **Service and Sacrifice**

- Acts 4:32
- James 2:14–17
- Galatians 6:2
- Hebrews 12:14

### **Wisdom and Self-Control**

- James 1:19
- Philippians 4:8
- Proverbs 11:12
- 1 Peter 3:15
- 2 Timothy 3:16–17

### **Humility vs. Pride**

- James 4:6
- Proverbs 3:34
- 1 Peter 5:5
- Proverbs 27:2
- 1 Corinthians 8:1
- 2 Corinthians 12:9–10

### **Respect and Unity**

- 1 Timothy 5:1–2
- 1 Peter 2:17
- Ephesians 4:2–3

### **Questions for Consideration**

1. What character trait appears most frequently throughout these passages?
2. Why is love presented as the foundation of so many other virtues?
3. What can we learn about humility from the example of Yahushua?
4. Why does Scripture repeatedly warn against pride?
5. How does forgiveness strengthen relationships and communities?
6. What does it mean to bear one another's burdens?
7. How can believers balance truth and kindness when correcting others?
8. Why is listening emphasized in James 1:19?
9. What role does self-control play in developing godly character?
10. How can believers cultivate humility in a culture that often rewards self-promotion?
11. What practical ways can we show kindness and mercy to others?
12. How should believers respond when they see someone struggling or in need?
13. What does Scripture teach about unity within the assembly?

14. Which of these character traits do you find easiest to practice?
15. Which character traits do you most need to develop?

### **Notes & Observations**

### **Takeaways**

- Which character trait stands out most to you?
- What qualities does Yahweh seem to value most highly?
- How does the example of Yahushua shape our understanding of character?
- Are there areas of your life where growth is needed?
- What practical steps can you take to develop these qualities?

### **Additional Notes**

Many of the qualities discussed in this study are interconnected. Humility makes it easier to learn, forgive, and serve others. Love motivates kindness, patience, and sacrifice. Wisdom helps us know how to apply these traits in different situations.

Ultimately, biblical character is not about appearing righteous before others. It is about becoming more like Yahushua in the way we think, speak, and treat people. Scripture consistently points believers toward a life marked by love, humility, mercy, faithfulness, and service.