

# **Christian Characteristics**

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# **Syllabus**

## **Introduction**

**Christians are to practice and grow in the following characteristics:**

**Love**

**Faithfulness**

**Godliness**

**Prayer**

**Humility**

**Goodness**

**Unity**

**Diligence**

**Moral Excellence**

**Knowledge**

**Self-Control**

**Perseverance**

**Gentleness**

**Patience**

**Peacefulness**

**Being Joyful**

**Rejoicing**

**A Forgiving Spirit**

**Kindness**

**Being Merciful**

**Having a Heart of Compassion**

**Serving Others**

**Hospitality**

**Brotherly Kindness**

- a. **Forgive one another**
- b. **Honor one another**
- c. **Be humble toward one another**
- d. **Speak to one another**
- e. **Serve one another**
- f. **Love one another**
- g. **Bear one another's burdens**
- h. **Encourage one another**

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- 1. How should a Christian exhibit these characteristics in their lifestyle?**
- 2. What should Christians avoid?**
- 3. What is Paul telling the saints at Rome in Rom. 8:5?**
- 4. How is Paul encouraging the saints in Col. 3:1-2?**
- 5. There are 4 components that shape the Christian's character. How do these verses help us develop our Christian character?**
  - A. The Beatitudes (Matt. 5:3-12)**
  - B. "Imitating God" (Eph. 5:1-6) and "having the same mind as Christ" (Phil. 2:1-8)**
  - C. Displaying "the fruit of the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-25) and Walk Worthy of the Calling (Eph. 4:1-6)**
  - D. Practicing and growing in Christian virtues (Phil. 4:4-8; Col. 3:12-17; 2 Peter 1:5-11)**
- 6. Why should Christians strive to develop and grow in Christian characteristics?**

- 1. Define “Love”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Love” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Love” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Love” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Love”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Love” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Love” to others?**

- 1. Define “Faithfulness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Faithfulness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Faithfulness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Faithfulness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Faithfulness”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Faithfulness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Faithfulness” to others?**

- 1. Define “Godliness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Godliness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Godliness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Godliness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Godliness”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Godliness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Love” to others.**

- 1. Define “Prayer”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Prayer” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Prayer” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Prayer” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Prayer”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Prayer” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Prayer” to others?**

- 1. Define “Humility”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Humility” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Humility” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Humility” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Humility”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Humility” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Humility” to others?**



- 1. Define “Goodness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Goodness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Goodness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Goodness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Goodness?”**
- 6. How do you grow in “Goodness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Goodness” to others?**

- 1. Define “Unity”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Unity” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Unity” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Unity” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Unity”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Unity” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Unity” to others?**

- 1. Define “Diligence”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Diligence” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Diligence” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Diligence” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Diligence”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Diligence” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Diligence” to others?**

- 1. Define “Moral Excellence”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Moral Excellence” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Moral Excellence” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Moral Excellence” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Moral Excellence”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Moral Excellence” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Moral Excellence” to others?**

- 1. Define “Knowledge”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Knowledge” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Knowledge” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Knowledge” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Knowledge”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Knowledge” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Knowledge” to others?**

- 1. Define “Self-Control”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Self-Control” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Self-Control” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Self-Control” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Self-Control”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Self-Control” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Self-Control” to others?**

- 1. Define “Perseverance”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Perseverance” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Perseverance” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Perseverance” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Perseverance”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Perseverance” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Perseverance” to others?**

- 1. Define “Gentleness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Gentleness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Gentleness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Gentleness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Gentleness”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Gentleness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Gentleness” to others?**



- 1. Define “Patience”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Patience” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Patience” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Patience” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Patience”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Patience” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Patience” to others?**

- 1. Define “Peacefulness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Peacefulness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Peacefulness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Peacefulness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Peacefulness”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Peacefulness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Peacefulness” to others?**

- 1. Define “Being Joyful”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Being Joyful” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Being Joyful” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Being Joyful” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Being Joyful”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Being Joyful” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Being Joyful” to others?**

- 1. Define “Rejoicing”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Rejoicing” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Rejoicing” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Rejoicing” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Rejoicing”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Rejoicing” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Rejoicing” to others?**

- 1. Define a “Forgiving Spirit”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning a “Forgiving Spirit” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited a “Forgiving Spirit” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited a “Forgiving Spirit” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through a “Forgiving Spirit”?**
- 6. How do you grow in having a “Forgiving Spirit” and seek opportunities to demonstrate having a “Forgiving Spirit” to others?**

- 1. Define “Kindness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Kindness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Kindness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Kindness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Kindness”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Kindness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Kindness” to others?**

- 1. Define “Being Merciful”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Being Merciful” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Being Merciful” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Being Merciful” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Being Merciful”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Being Merciful” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Being Merciful” to others?**

- 1. Define “Having a Heart of Compassion”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Having a Heart of Compassion” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Having a Heart of Compassion” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Having a Heart of Compassion” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Having a Heart of Compassion”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Having a Heart of Compassion” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Having a Heart of Compassion” to others?**



- 1. Define “Serving Others”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Serving Others” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Serving Others” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Serving Others” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through having a “Servant’s Heart”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Serving Others” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Serving Others” to all people?**

- 1. Define “Hospitality”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Hospitality” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Hospitality” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Hospitality” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Hospitality”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Hospitality” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Hospitality” to others?**

- 1. Define “Brotherly Kindness”.**
- 2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Brotherly Kindness” and explain the verses.**
- 3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Brotherly Kindness” in the Old Testament.**
- 4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Brotherly Kindness” in the New Testament.**
- 5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Brotherly Kindness”?**
- 6. How do you grow in “Brotherly Kindness” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Brotherly Kindness” to your brothers and sisters in Christ?**

**7. How do you put the following attributes of “Brotherly Kindness” into practice?**

- a. Forgive one another**
- b. Honor one another**
- c. Be humble toward one another**
- d. Speak to one another**
- e. Serve one another**
- f. Love one another**
- g. Bear one another’s burdens**
- h. Encourage one another**