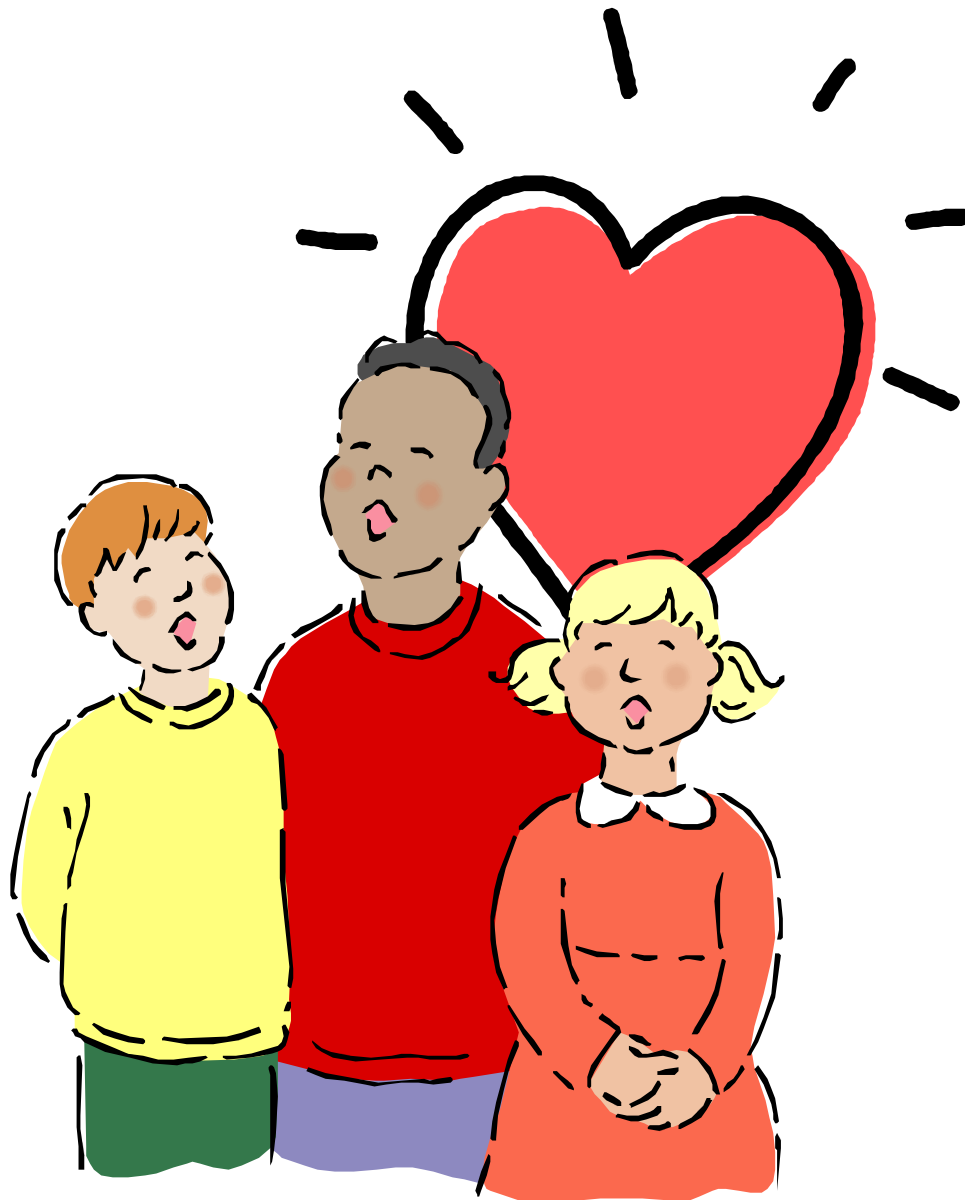


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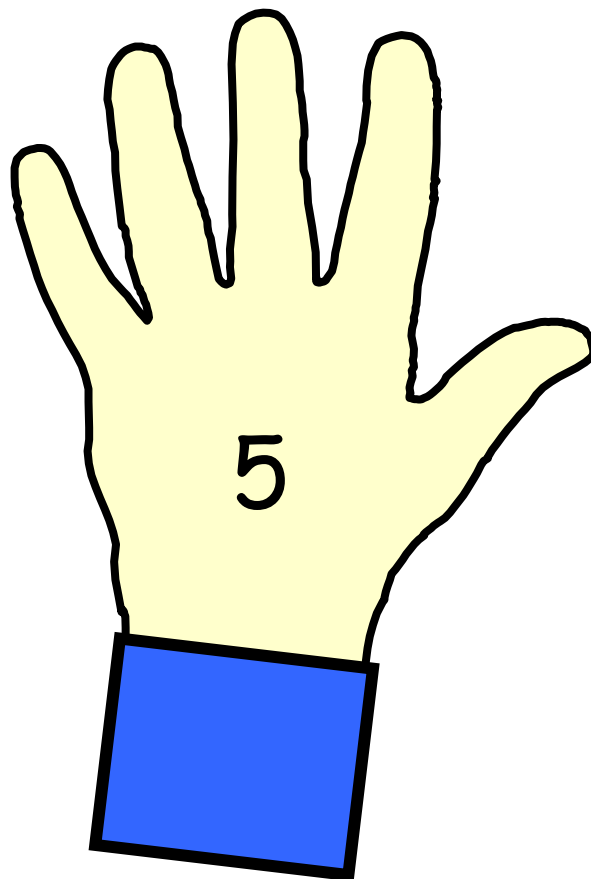
*Character Trait Definition  
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# Attentive

Attentive is listening with your whole being.  
(hands still, mouth quiet, ears listening,  
eyes watching, and heart calm)

*(The opposite is to be distracted and busy.)*



I will listen to  
what God the LORD will say.

*Psalm 85:8a*

# Compassionate

Compassionate is being tender hearted, sensitive, alert, and aware to the feelings and needs of others.

*(The opposite is to be mean, cruel, unkind, selfish, and insensitive.)*



Be kind and compassionate to one another.

*Ephesians 4:32a*

# Content

Content is being happy with what God has given you and not desiring what others have.

*(The opposite is envy, jealousy, complaining, and coveting.)*



Be content with what you have,  
because God has said, "Never will I leave you.  
Never will I forsake you."

*Hebrews 13:5b*

# Courageous

Courageous is bold and brave, willing to take risks in order to do what is right.

*(The opposite is to be fearful.)*



Do not be terrified. Do not be discouraged.  
For the Lord your God will be with you  
wherever you go.

*Joshua 1:9b*

# Diligent

Diligent is hardworking, keeping to a task and completing / finishing it.  
It is persevering to the end.

*(The opposite is to be lazy and to not do work completely or thoroughly.)*



Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

*Colossians 3:23*

# Discernment

Discernment is having wisdom, good judgment, and insight. You are sensitive to situations in light of God's Word.

*(The opposite is to be foolish.)*



For the Lord gives wisdom, and from his mouth  
come knowledge and understanding.

*Proverbs 2:6*

# Faithful

To be faithful is to be trustworthy and dependable, to be loyal and true in words and deeds towards others and God.

*(The opposite is to be undependable and unfaithful.)*



A friend loves at all times.

*Proverbs 17:17a*



# Forgiving

Forgiving is treating someone as though they never hurt you and not holding a grudge.

*(The opposite is to be bitter and revengeful.)*



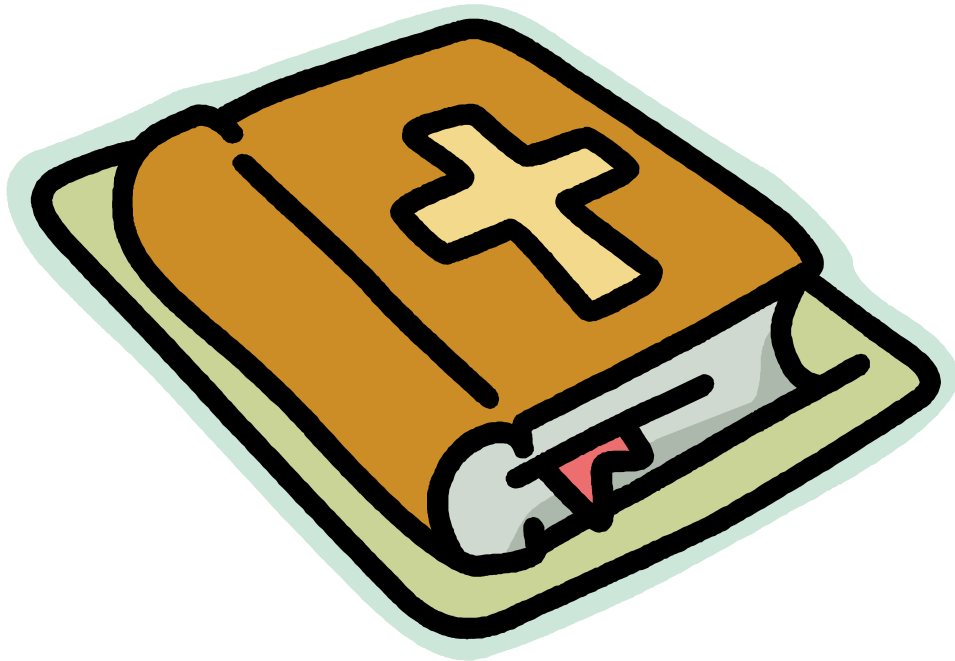
Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.  
Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

Colossians 3:13

# Full of Faith

Being Full of Faith means that you believe God will do what He says.

(The opposite is disbelief, not trusting, and being easily swayed.)



For nothing is impossible with God.

*Luke 1:37*

# Generous

Generous is being unselfish and willing to share what God has given.

It is being a cheerful giver and not expecting anything in return.

*(The opposite is selfish.)*



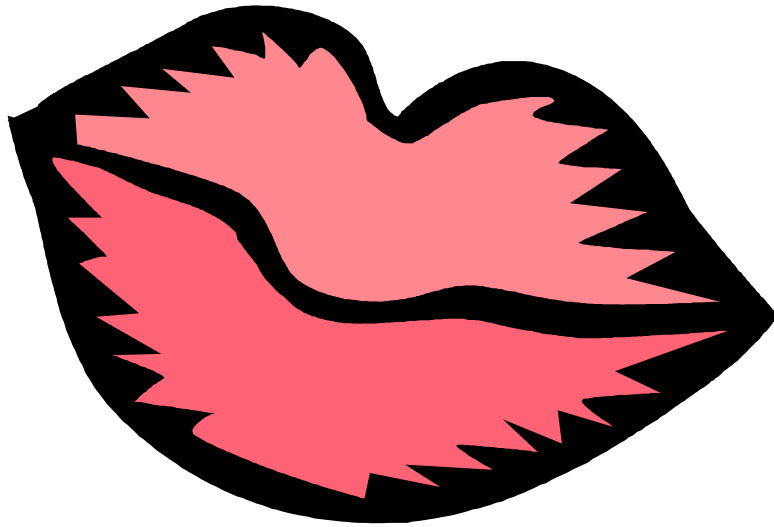
God loves a cheerful giver.

*2 Corinthians 9:7b*

# Honest

Honest is being truthful  
in words and actions.

*(The opposite is to be a false witness, to be dishonest, lying, and deceitful.)*



The Lord detests lying lips,  
but He delights in men who are truthful.

*Proverbs 12:22*

# Humble

Being humble means admitting when you are wrong and is to not be prideful or boastful.

*(The opposite is to be prideful, boastful, bragging, and seeking your own edification.)*



In humility consider others better than yourselves.

*Philippians 2: 3b*

# Joyful

Joyful is being happy in your heart and in your actions, cheerful, inwardly at peace even when things aren't going how you want.

*(The opposite is sad or depressed.)*



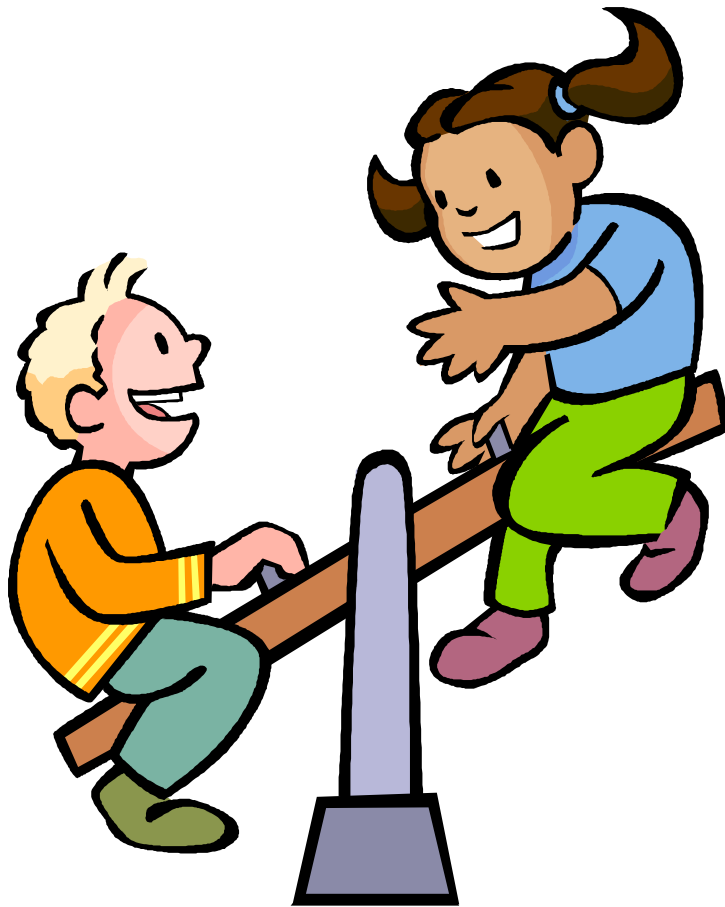
Be joyful always. Pray continually.  
Give thanks in all circumstances,  
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

*1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18*

# Kind

To be kind is being gentle,  
friendly, and courteous.

*(The opposite is to be mean.)*



Do to others as you would  
have them do to you.

*Luke 6:31*

# Loving

Loving is unselfishly meeting another's needs, committed, caring, and tender, acting with kindness, patience, and forgiveness.

*(The opposite is hatred and selfishness.)*



My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved you.

*John 15:12*



# Modest

To be modest is to have decent and pure words, dress, and actions meant to protect the heart, mind, and body.

*(The opposite is boasting, immodesty, and an over concern for outward looks.)*



Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

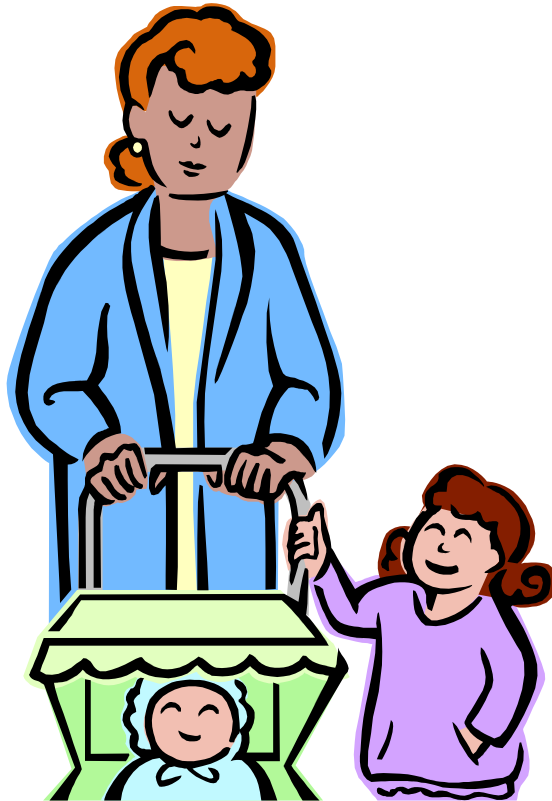
*1 Peter 3: 3-4*

# Obedient

Obedient is doing what you are told,  
right away and with a happy heart.

"To obey just part is not smart.  
God knows what is in your heart."

*(The opposite is to be defiant and rebellious.)*



Children, obey your parents in everything.  
For this pleases the Lord.

*Colossians 3:20*

# Orderly

Orderly is keeping everything in its place,  
neat and organized and being a good  
planner and manager.

*(The opposite is to be disorganized, messy, cluttered, and confused.)*



But everything should be done  
in a fitting and orderly way.

*1 Corinthians 14:40*

# Patient

Being patient is waiting with a happy, calm heart and not making a fuss.

*(The opposite is to be hasty and, impatient.)*



Be patient  
bearing with one another in love.

*Ephesians 4:2b*

# Peacemaker

A peacemaker is a mediator who seeks restoration of relationships and one who answers softly and not harshly or in anger.

*(The opposite is to be argumentative and quarreling.)*



A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger.

*Proverbs 15:1*

# Prayerful

Prayerful is to worship and honor God, to seek God's will in all of life, and to faithfully pray for others.

*(The opposite is to be worrisome or anxious.)*



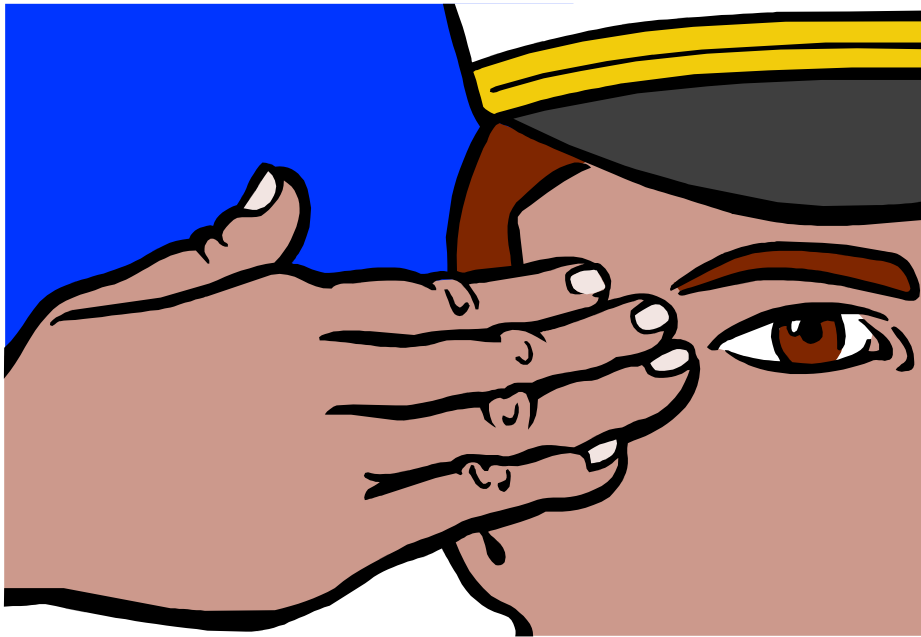
Do not be anxious about anything,  
but in everything, by prayer and petition,  
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

*Philippians 4:6*

# Respectful

Respectful is giving honor and special consideration for age, parents, authority, and property.

*(The opposite is to be disrespectful, impolite, ill-mannered, or rude.)*



Show proper respect to everyone.

*1 Peter 2:17a*

# Responsible

Being responsible is doing  
what you know you should do

*(The opposite is being careless, negligent, immature, or foolish.)*



Those who have been given a trust  
must prove faithful.

*1 Corinthians 4:2b*



# Self Control

Self Control is when you are self disciplined, using wise self restraint in mastering emotions and desires, and doing something even when you don't feel like it.

*(The opposite is anger and arguing.)*



I can do everything  
through him who gives me strength.

*Philippians 4:13*

# Servant Hearted

Servant Hearted is being helpful, willing to share time, money, and abilities with others in need, and considering the interests of others before your own.

*(The opposite is to be self centered and saying, "Me first.")*



Serve one another in love.

*Galatians 5:13b*

# Teachable

Teachable is being willing to humbly receive instruction, exhortation, or correction from someone else.

*(The opposite is to mock, scorn, scoff, be disrespectful, or unwilling to learn and change.)*



No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

*Hebrews 12:11*

# Thankful

Thankful is being grateful  
for everything and saying so!

*(The opposite is complaining and ingratitude.)*



Give thanks to the Lord  
for He is good.

*Psalm 136:1a*