

# Westside Academy

## Character Traits

**APPRECIATIVE** Expressing to God and others the ways they have served me. 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for in Christ Jesus."

**ATTENTIVE** Demonstrative that the person is deserving by giving genuine courtesy and consideration to God's Word or a person's words. Hebrews 2:1 "We must pay more careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away."

**AVAILABLE** Scheduling my priorities to fit the desires of others. Matthew 9:9 "As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him."

**COMPASSIONATE** Giving whatever is necessary to meet another's needs without expecting anything in return (Luke 6:35—"...hoping for nothing again.) 1 Peter 3:8 "Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble."

**CONCERNED** Bearing another's burdens with great affection and admiration. Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

**CONFIDENT** Assurance that whatever I say or do will benefit me and others. Philippians 4:13 "I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

**CONSIDERATE** Thoughtful of others and their feelings. Philippians 2:4 "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also the interests of others."

**CONSISTENT** Not wavering from God's principles. 1 Corinthians 15:58 "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain."

**CONTENT** Understanding and accepting that God has provided everything I need for adjusting to circumstances around me. Philippians 4:11 "I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances."

**COOPERATIVE** Working or dwelling with others in unity. Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!"

**COURAGEOUS** Realizing God is with me giving strength and firmness of character that enables me to endure any trial or danger. Deuteronomy 31:6 "Be strong and courageous Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."

**COURTEOUS** (Deferent) Controlling my privileges and preferences in order not to offend those God has called me to serve (putting their wishes or opinions before mine).

1 Corinthians 10:33 "Even as I try to please everybody in every way. For I am not seeking my own good but the good of many, so that they may be saved."

**CREATIVE** Meeting a need or a chore from a different point of view. Romans 12:2 "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

**DECISIVE** Making all decisions based on the perfect will of God. Joshua 24:15 "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

**DEPENDABLE** Being worthy of trust and doing what I said I would do even if it means self-denial.

1 Timothy 6:20 "Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge."

**DETERMINED** Purposing to accomplish God's best regardless of the opposition.

1 Corinthians 2:2 "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."

**DILIGENT** Seeing each chore (task) as a special assignment from the LORD and doing everything to complete it. Colossians 3:23 "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the LORD, not for men."

**DISCERNING** Having the insight and sympathetic understanding into a difficult situation and being able to make an accurate judgment. Ezekiel 44:23 "They are to teach my people the difference between the holy and the common and show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean."

**EFFICIENT** Preparing myself and environment so that I will accomplish the greatest productivity. Ephesians 5:16 "Making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil."

**FAIR (Equitable)** Seeing a situation from the viewpoint of each person involved. Showing justice and impartiality to persons and programs according to God's law.

Matthew 7:12 "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." Proverbs 1:3 "For acquiring a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right and just and fair."

**FAITHFUL** Being true to a person to whom one is bound by a promise, a pledge, honour, or love. 1 Corinthians 4:2 "Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."

**FEARLESS** Facing danger boldly and with determination, for God gives us the spirit of power. 1 Timothy 1:7 "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."

**FLEXIBLE** Setting affection on things above, not on earthly things that can be changed by others. Colossians 3:2 "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things."

**FORGIVING** Overlooking one another's faults by means of expressing to them Christ's love (responding as if there were no faults.) Colossians 3:13 "Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the LORD forgave you."

**FRIENDLY** Opening the door for a friendship by receiving a person with the attitude: What is God doing in his life? How can I help? Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

**GENEROUS** Using all I have to glorify God because it all belongs to Him. Acts 20:35 "In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

**GENTLE** Showing careful thought or attention for the needs or feelings of others. 1 Timothy 2:24 "And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful."

**HONEST** Being good and righteous, showing a sense of what is right and proper to the Lord and others. 11 Corinthians 8:21 "For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord but also in the eyes of men."

**HUMBLE** Recognizing my weakness and showing awareness, as a little child, that God and others are responsible for the accomplishments in my life.

1 Peter 5:5-6 "Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

**JOYFUL** Speaking to myself in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in my heart to the Lord as a result of being in agreement with God and others (shows on the countenance).

Ephesians 5:19 "Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord."

**KIND** Showing a genuine harmonious (getting along) attitude towards others.

Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

**LOYAL** Confirming my commitment to a person or cause in time of adversity. John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

**MEEK** Yielding everything to God including the results and thought for self. James 3:13 “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show it by his good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom”

**MERCIFUL** Having, showing, or feeling more kindness than justice requires.

Luke 6:36 “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”

**MODERATE** (temperate) Not being extreme in any way or thing especially with regard to feelings or appetites.

Titus 2:12 “It teaches us to say “NO” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.”

**OBSERVANT** Foreseeing and responding correctly and alertly to any situation. Mark 14:38 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

**OPTIMISTIC** Meditating upon the most hopeful aspects of any situation. Romans 8:25 “But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.”

**PATIENT** Accepting a difficult situation with calm endurance without complaining or losing self-control

Hebrews 12:1 “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”

**PEACEFUL** Yielding self to the Lord for His control, for “He is our peace” (the inner quietness, freedom from disturbance of strife, absence of excitement or confusion).

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

**PERSEVERANT** Being able to withstand stress (the attacks of time and circumstance) to accomplish God’s best. Galatians 6:9 “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

**PERSUASIVE** Directing others to see issues from God’s point of view. 1 Timothy 2:25 “Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth.”

**PUNCTUAL** Showing respect for God’s timing as well as other people’s time by being on time or quick to act when a request is made. Ecclesiastes 3:1 “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

**PURPOSEFUL** (Prudent) Seeing what is likely to happen and giving careful thought in acting and planning. Resolving to accomplish a long-range goal and allowing this goal to determine my daily progress. Proverbs 14:15 “A simple man believes anything, but a prudent man gives thoughts to his steps.” Psalm 119:2 “Blessed are they who keep their statutes and seek him with all their heart.”

**RESOURCEFUL** Capable and ready to undertake projects that others would overlook or discard. 1 Thessalonians 4:11 “Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you.”

**RESPECTFUL** A feeling of deep respect and honour mixed with wonder, awe, and love for the person that God is using in my life to produce the character of Christ in me.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 “Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other.”

**SECURE** Building my every day life on eternal things which cannot fail or be lost.

Job 11:18 “You will be secure, because there is hope; you will look about you and take your rest in safety.”

**SELF-CONTROLLED** Ruling my own spirit; instant obedience to the Holy Spirit, developed through outward discipline (Prov. 25:28 and Gal 5:24-25).

1 Thessalonians 5:22 “Avoid every kind of evil.”

**SINCERE** Desiring to do what is right with pure motives. Joshua 24:14 “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord.”

**SUBMISSIVE** An inward attitude (meek) that yields to the power, control, and authority of another; obedient (the action of submissiveness). Hebrews 13:17 “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of not advantage to you.”

**TACTFUL** Saying and doing the right things, especially in a difficult situation, that could result in an undesirable consequence, when dealing with people. (Discreet) Forming sound opinions and giving serious attention and thought to what one is doing, especially to details.

Colossians 4:6 ““Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.” Psalm 112:5 ““God will come to him who is generous and lends freely, who conducts his affairs with justice.”

**THOROUGH** Knowing what will reduce the effectiveness of my work if neglected but doing all that should be done to complete it.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom.”

**THRIFTY** Prudent managing of resources, work, and the regular putting aside of savings. Isaiah 52:13 “See, my servant will act wisely, he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted.” Proverbs 21:20 “In the house of the wise are stores of choice food and oil, but a foolish man devours all he has.”

**TOLERANT** Accepting others and willing to endure their beliefs and actions with which I do not agree.

Romans 14:13 “Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother’s way.”

**TRUTHFUL** Earned trust by accurately reporting past facts and present circumstances. Ephesians 4:25 “Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbour, for we are all members of one body.”

**VIRTUOUS** Conformity to and radiation of God’s moral principles of purity.

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”