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TRAIT WORD	DEFINITION	SCRIPTURE REFERENCE
<b>APPRECIATIVE:</b>	Expressing in words, actions, and thoughts, value to the actions of God and others the ways they have served me.	1 Thessalonians 5:18— <i>In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.</i>
<b>ATTENTIVE:</b>	Being intent; observant; regarding a situation or person with care. When a person is attentive to the words, the manner and matter of a speaker at the same time. Demonstrating that the person is worthy by giving genuine attention and consideration to God's Word or a person's words.	Hebrews 2:1— <i>Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip.</i>
<b>AVAILABLE:</b>	Being accessible for others. Scheduling priorities to serve others in need.	Matthew 9:9— <i>And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man, named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.</i>
<b>COMMITTED:</b>	To give in trust; to put into the hands or power of another.	2 Timothy 2— <i>The things thou hast heard of me, commit to faithful men.</i> Psalms 37:5 <i>Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.</i>
<b>COMPASSIONATE:</b>	Giving of love and sorrow; at least some portion of love generally attends the pain or regret, to meet another's needs without experiencing anything in return.	Psalms 78— <i>He being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity.</i> Luke 15 <i>His father had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.</i> 1 Peter 3:8 <i>Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous:</i>
<b>CONCERNED:</b>	Regarding another with care. Bearing one another's burdens with tenderness and respect.	Galatians 6:2— <i>Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.</i>
<b>CONFIDENT:</b>	Having trust that whatever I say or do will benefit me and others.	Philippians 4:13— <i>I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.</i>
<b>CONSIDERATE:</b>	Being thoughtful of others and their feelings.	Philippians 2:4— <i>Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.</i>
<b>CONSISTENT:</b>	Being fixed or firm in mind, purpose, affection or principle; unshaken; unmoved. Being certain; steady; firm and adherent to God's principles. diligent to purpose, or to duties.	1 Corinthians 15:58— <i>Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.</i>
<b>CONTENT:</b>	Having rest or quietness of mind in the present condition; satisfaction which holds the mind in peace. Not having opposition, or further desire. Implying a degree of happiness in all situations because God will provide all our needs.	Philippians 4:11— <i>Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.</i> 1 Timothy 6 <i>Having food and raiment, let us be therewith content.</i>

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<b>COOPERATIVE:</b>	Working with other Christians in harmony. Note: This is far different from what the state calls cooperation.	Psalms 33:1— <i>Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!</i>
<b>COURAGEOUS:</b>	Realizing God is giving us strength to endure any trial or danger. Being brave; having that quality of mind which enables men to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness, boldness; and resolution. Courage arises from a sense of duty, acts in a uniform manner.	Deuteronomy 31:6— <i>Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.</i>
<b>CREATIVE:</b>	Being able to perform a necessity or task from a different point of view.	Romans 12:2— <i>And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.</i>
<b>DECISIVE:</b>	Having the quality of determining a subject of deliberation or putting an end to a controversy by relying on the perfect will of God.	Joshua 24:15— <i>And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.</i>
<b>DEPENDABLE</b>	Being worthy of trust, to the point someone can depend on you. Doing what I said I would do even if it means self-denial. We depend on God for existence; we depend on air for respiration; vegetation depends on heat and moisture; the peace of society depends on good laws and a faithful administration.	1 Timothy 6:20— <i>O Timothy, keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called....</i>
<b>DETERMINED:</b>	Having a firm or fixed purpose, as a determined man; or manifesting a firm resolution, to accomplish God's will.	1 Corinthians 2:2— <i>For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.</i>
<b>DILIGENT:</b>	Not just a trait—a command from God. Steady in application to business; not careless; constant in effort or exertion to accomplish what is undertaken; industrious; not idle or negligent; applied to persons.	Deuteronomy 6:17— <i>Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the Lord your God.</i> Proverbs 22:29— <i>Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings.</i> Colossians 3:23— <i>And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;</i>
<b>DISCERNING:</b>	Having power to discern; capable of seeing, discriminating, knowing and judging a difficult situation and being able to make an accurate judgment.	Ezekiel 44:23— <i>And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.</i>
<b>DISCREET</b>	Prudent; wise in avoiding errors or evil, and in selecting the best means to accomplish a purpose; circumspect; cautious. It is the dis-	Genesis 41:33— <i>Let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise.</i> Psalms 112:5— <i>A good man showeth</i>

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	<p>creet man, not the witty, nor the learned, nor the brave, who guides the conversation, and gives measures to society.</p>	<p><i>favour, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.</i></p>
<b>EFFICIENT:</b>	<p>Causing effects or producing; The efficient cause is that which produces; the final cause is that for which it is produced. Preparing yourself to accomplish the greatest productiveness.</p>	<p>Ephesians 5:16—<i>Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.</i></p>
<b>EQUITABLE:</b>	<p>Being equal in regard to the rights of others; distributing equal justice; giving each his due; being just and impartial according to God's law.</p>	<p>Proverbs 1:3—<i>To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.</i></p>
<b>FAIR:</b>	<p>Honest; honorable; mild; opposed to insidious and compulsory actions. To be able to accomplish a thing by looking at everyone's side.</p>	<p>Matthew 7:12—<i>Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.</i></p>
<b>FAITHFUL:</b>	<p>Firmly adhering to duty; of true fidelity; loyal; true to allegiance; as a faithful subject. Being constant in the performance of duties or services and attending to commands of authority.</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 4:2—<i>Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.</i></p>
<b>FEARLESS:</b>	<p>Facing danger boldly and with determination, for God gave us a spirit of power.</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:7—<i>For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.</i></p>
<b>FLEXIBLE:</b>	<p>Setting affections on things above, not on earthly things that can be changed by others.</p>	<p>Colossians 3:2—<i>Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.</i></p>
<b>FORGIVING:</b>	<p>Overlooking one another's faults by means of expressing to them Christ's love (responding as if there were no faults)</p>	<p>Colossians 3:13—<i>Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.</i></p>
<b>FORTITUDE:</b>	<p>Having the strength or firmness of mind or soul which enables a person to encounter danger with coolness and courage, or to bear pain or adversity without murmuring, depression or despondency. Fortitude is the basis or source of genuine courage or intrepidity in danger, of patience in suffering, of forbearance under injuries, and of magnanimity in all conditions of life. Having patience to bear continued suffering.</p>	<p>Proverbs 18:24—<i>A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.</i></p>
<b>FRIENDLY:</b>	<p>Having the temper and disposition of a friend; kind; favorable; disposed to promoting the good of another. Thou to mankind be good and friendly still, and oft return.</p>	<p>Acts 20:35—<i>I have showed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.</i></p>

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<b>GENTLE:</b>	Mild; meek; soft; bland; not rough, harsh or severe; as a gentle nature, temper or disposition; a gentle manner; a gentle address; a gentle voice.	2 Timothy 2:24— <i>And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,</i>
<b>HONEST:</b>	Upright; just; fair in dealing with others; free from trickiness and fraud; acting and having the disposition to act at all times according to justice or correct moral principles; applied to persons.	2 Corinthians 8:21— <i>Providing for honest things, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of men.</i>
<b>HUMBLE:</b>	Modest; meek; submissive; opposed to proud, haughty, arrogant or assuming. In an evangelical sense, having a low opinion of one's self, and a deep sense of unworthiness in the sight of God.	James 4— <i>God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble.</i> 1 Peter 5:5-6— <i>Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:</i>
<b>JOYFUL:</b>	Full of joy; very glad; exulting.	Ephesians 5:19— <i>Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;</i>
<b>KIND:</b>	Disposed to do good to others, and to make them happy by granting their requests, supplying their wants or assisting them in distress; having tenderness or goodness of nature; benevolent; benignant.	Ephesians 4:32— <i>And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.</i>
<b>LOYAL:</b>	Faithful to a friend or superior; true to plighted faith, duty or love; not treacherous; used of subjects to their king, and of husband, wife, children.	John 15:13— <i>Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.</i>
<b>MEEK:</b>	Mild of temper; soft; gentle; not easily provoked or irritated; yielding; given to forbearance under injuries. Appropriately, humble, in an evangelical sense; submissive to the divine will; not proud, self-sufficient or refractory; not peevish and apt to complain.	Numbers 12:3— <i>Now the man Moses was very meek, above all men.</i> Matthew 11:29— <i>Christ says, "Learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart, and ye shall find rest to your souls."</i> Matthew 5:5— <i>Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth...</i>
<b>MERCIFUL:</b>	Compassionate; tender; disposed to pity offenders and to forgive their offenses; unwilling to punish for injuries; applied appropriately to the Supreme being.	Exodus 34:6— <i>The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, the Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in goodness and truth.</i> Luke 6:36— <i>Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.</i>

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<b>OBSERVANT:</b>	Taking notice; attentively viewing or noticing; as an observant spectator or traveler. Obedient; adhering to in practice; with of. i.e. He is very observant of the rules of his order.	Mark 14:38— <i>Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.</i>
<b>OPTIMISTIC:</b>	Concentrating on the best conditions of any situation.	Romans 8:25— <i>But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.</i>
<b>PATIENT:</b>	Having the quality of enduring evils without murmuring or fretfulness; sustaining afflictions of body or mind with fortitude, calmness or Christian submission to the divine will; as a patient person, or a person of patient temper.	Hebrews 12:1— <i>Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,</i>
<b>PEACEFUL:</b>	Quiet; undisturbed; not in a state of commotion; mild; calm; as peaceful words; a peaceful temper.	John 16:33— <i>These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.</i>
<b>PERSEVERANT:</b>	Persistence in any thing undertaken; continued pursuit or prosecution of business or enterprise begun.	Galatians 6:9— <i>And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.</i>
<b>PLEASING:</b>	One that pleases or gratifies; one that courts favor by humoring or flattering compliance or a show of obedience.	1 Corinthians 10:33— <i>Even as I please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of many, that they may be saved.</i>
<b>PRUDENT:</b>	Cautious; circumspect; practically wise; careful of the consequences of enterprises, measures or actions.	Proverbs 14:15— <i>The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going.</i>
<b>PUNCTUAL:</b>	Having scrupulous regard to time, appointments, promises or rules; as, to attend a meeting punctually; to pay debts or rent punctually; to observe punctually one's engagements.	Ecclesiastes 3:1— <i>To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:</i>
<b>PURPOSEFUL:</b>	By design; intentionally; with predetermination.	Psalms 119:2— <i>Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.</i>
<b>RESOURCEFUL:</b>	Efficient and willing to take upon oneself projects that others may overlook.	1 Thessalonians 4:11— <i>And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you...</i>
<b>RESPECTFUL:</b>	To view or consider others with a degree of reverence; to esteem as possessed of worth.	1 Thessalonians 5:12-13— <i>And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And</i>

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<b>RESPONSIBLE:</b>	Governed by reason; being under the influence of reason; thinking, speaking or acting rationally or according to the dictates of reason.	<i>be at peace among yourselves.</i>  Romans 14:12— <i>So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.</i>
<b>SECURE:</b>	Confident; not distrustful, having faith in God that He will work all things to His glory.	Job 11:18— <i>And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope; yea, thou shalt dig about thee, and thou shalt take thy rest in safety.</i>
<b>SELF-CONTROLLED:</b>	To check; to restrain; to govern ones tongue, deeds and actions. Having instant obedience to the Holy Spirit, developed through outward discipline.	(Galatians 5:24-25) Proverbs 25:28— <i>He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.</i>
<b>SINCERE:</b>	Honestly; with real purity of heart; without simulation or disguise.	Joshua 24:14— <i>Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.</i>
<b>SUBMISSIVE:</b>	Cheerfully yielding to the will or power of another; obedient.	Hebrews 13:17— <i>Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.</i>
<b>TACTFUL:</b>	Saying and doing the right things with concern for other's feelings.	Colossians 4:6— <i>Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.</i>
<b>THRIFTY:</b>	Frugal; sparing; using economy and good management of property.	Proverbs 21:20 <i>There is treasure to be desired and oil in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man spendeth it up.</i>
<b>TOLERANT:</b>	Enduring; accepting others and willing to endure.	Romans 14:13— <i>Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.</i>
<b>TRUTHFUL:</b>	Earned trust by reporting facts accurately.	Ephesians 4:25— <i>Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another.</i>
<b>VIRTUOUS:</b>	Morally good; abstaining from vice.	Philippians 4:8— <i>Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.</i>