

Positive Character Traits

- **Honesty:** Doing what you say you're going to do, when you're going to do it. Laying out all the facts.
- **Integrity:** Acting the same in private as you do in public. Being complete and incorruptible.
- **Morality:** Displaying [moral actions](#), speaking moral sentiments, and believing in moral justices. Today and always.
- **Loyalty:** Your allegiances do not change. You are faithful to those you pledge your loyalty to, including your spouse, your country, your church, and even your local sports team.
- **Generosity:** Giving unconditionally while respecting nothing in return. Being generous with your wealth, your love, and your time.
- **Humility:** Feeling no pride or arrogance. Lacking ego in all its forms. Not caring for status or one-upmanship.
- **Responsibility:** The state of being accountable to someone else. You can be responsible for the wellbeing of your spouse, your children, your parents, a core component of your job, and your employees.
- **Respectfulness:** Giving attention. Listening when someone is speaking to you. Paying deference to your elders, considering others' feelings.
- **Tolerance:** Enduring a deviation from a standard, often toward a higher level of pain. Having sympathy toward those with beliefs or practices other than your own.
- **Reliability:** You can be depended on to be consistent in anything you do, from turning up on time to completing the work you said you were going to complete.
- **Perseverance:** Keeping going through thick and thin, [weathering the storms](#) of life. Moving forward despite consistent failures, difficulties, and obstacles.
- **Compassion:** An awareness of the distress of others coupled with a desire to alleviate it that is quickly acted upon.
- **Fairness:** Lacking favoritism toward one side, being impartial and allowing a result to play out that all sides can agree on.
- **Patience:** Acting without complaint while experiencing long waits or monologues. Occasionally considered a negative character trait.

- **Focus:** An ability to direct your attention to one key task and stick to it over the long term. Occasionally considered a negative character trait when taken to its extremes.
- **Dependability:** Your family and friends trust you to do what you say you're going to do. Similar to honesty, integrity, and reliability.
- **Conscientiousness:** Being meticulous and careful in all that you do, from building something to listening to someone.
- **Authenticity:** Being true to who you are. Not putting on a show. Similar to integrity.
- **Optimism:** Seeing the world and events under which you are placed favorably. Always believing in and working toward a better future.
- **Thoughtfulness:** Being guided by thoughtful reasoning. Your beliefs, decisions, and actions are made after deep introspectives.
- **Hardworking:** Believing in the value of work, and in its essential quality when performed on a consistent basis.
- **Kindheartedness:** Being sympathetic to those in need. Giving the shirt off your back to anyone who asks for it.
- **Forgivingness:** Being able to cease feelings of anger and resentment toward another person or yourself.
- **Self-discipline:** The ability to control and regulate your behaviors in order to improve in a certain direction. Also referred to as self-control.
- **Sincerity:** Displaying honest feelings directly from the heart. Similar to honesty, integrity, and reliability.
- **Politeness:** Showing disrespect to no persons. Displaying consideration, tact, and courtesy at all times.
- **Courageousness:** Displaying bravery when it is needed most. Keeping going despite the obstacles. Similar to perseverance.

Negative Character Traits

- **Dishonesty:** Being predisposed to lying, deceit, and doing the opposite of what you say you're going to do. The opposite of honesty.

- **Untrustworthiness:** Consistently showing signs of being not dependable. A less malicious version of dishonesty.
- **Disloyalty:** You change your allegiances whenever doing so suits you. You cannot be counted on. The opposite of loyalty.
- **Deceitfulness:** Giving false impressions on purpose. The key phrase here is “on purpose.” Deceitful people choose to be deceitful.
- **Immorality:** Displaying immoral actions, speaking immoral sentiments, and believing in immoral justices ([the end justifies the means](#)). The opposite of morality.
- **Cruelty:** Inflicting pain or suffering on others because you can. “Cruelty is the point.” The opposite of kindheartedness.
- **Maliciousness:** Choosing to do harm to someone for the sake of it. Similar to cruelty.
- **Vengefulness:** Wanting to seek revenge by inflicting a punishment on someone for a prior injury, injustice, or offense.
- **Selfishness:** Caring for your own welfare only, or caring for your own welfare above that of other people. Occasionally considered a positive character trait when in pursuit of a higher cause.
- **Greed:** You continue to desire more, regardless of how much you have already accumulated. This desire can be temporary or long-term.
- **Disrespectfulness:** Not giving someone your attention. Not listening when someone is speaking to you. The opposite of respectfulness.
- **Impatience:** A form of haste whereby you are unable to sit tight and wait your turn; instead favoring a more active approach. Occasionally considered a positive character trait. The opposite of patience.
- **Pessimism:** Always expecting the worst possible outcome. Bringing people down. Not working toward a better future, because you don’t believe one can exist. The opposite of optimism.
- **Unforgivingness:** Not being able to cease feelings of anger and resentment toward another person or yourself. The opposite of forgiveness.
- **Pettiness:** Acting with cruelty regarding matters that are perceived to be unimportant. Also known as small-mindedness.
- **Narcissism:** Basking in ego. You can only believe good things about yourself, taking anything negative as a false attack.

- **Impoliteness:** Showing disrespect to all persons, or to persons who you believe to be beneath you. The opposite of politeness.
 - **Thoughtlessness:** You do without thinking of the consequences for others. Your reasoning only considers your own wants. You are not introspective. The opposite of thoughtfulness.
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