

CCS :: Character Development

1. Humility (meekness, teachability, modesty, flexibility, attentiveness)

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Recognizing that it is actually God & others who are responsible for the achievements in my life (James 4:6)

Showing the worth of a person by giving undivided attention to his words and emotions (Hebrews 2:1)

Not setting my affections on ideas or plans which could be changed by God or others (Colossians 3:2)

Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God (Psalm 62:5)

Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:24-25)

2. Honesty (wisdom, truthfulness, trust, discretion)

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Structuring my life around that which is eternal and cannot be destroyed or taken away (John 6:27)

Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference (Proverbs 9:10)

The ability to avoid words, actions, & attitudes which could result in undesirable consequences (Prov. 22:3)

Earning future trust by accurately reporting past facts (Ephesians 4:25)

3. Compassion (love, sympathy, forgiveness, charity)

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Giving to others' basic needs without having as my motive personal reward (I Corinthians 13:3)

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me (Eph. 4:32)

Acceptance of others as unique expressions of specific character qualities in varying degrees of maturity (Philippians 2:2)

4. Gratitude (gratefulness, thankfulness, contentment)

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Realizing that God has provided everything I need for my present happiness (I Timothy 6:8)

Making known to God and others in what ways they have benefited my life (I Corinthians 4:7)

Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference (Proverbs 9:10)

5. Generosity (serving, sharing, stewardship, sacrifice)

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Realizing that all I have belongs to God and using it for His purposes (II Corinthians 9:6)

Showing personal care and concern in meeting the need of others (I Thessalonians 2:7)

Cheerfully sharing food, shelter, and spiritual refreshment with those whom God brings into my life (Hebrews 13:2)

Making my own schedule and priorities secondary to the wishes of those I am serving (Philippians 2:20-21)

Not letting myself or others spend that which is not necessary (Luke 16:11)

6. Integrity (faithfulness, purity, determination, dependability, punctuality) JAN

Keeping the promises that I make to myself (Psalm 15:4)

Purposing to accomplish God's goals in God's time regardless of the opposition (II Timothy 4:7-8)

Showing high esteem for other people and their time (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me (Romans 14:12)

The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word (II Peter 1:3)

7. Courage (faith, boldness, confidence, decisiveness) FEB

Eagerness to do what is right with transparent motives (I Peter 1:22)

The inward strength to withstand stress to accomplish God's best (Galatians 6:9)

Visualizing what God intends to do in a given situation and acting in harmony with it (Hebrews 11:1)

Confidence that what I have to say or do is true and right and just in the sight of God (Acts 4:29)

The ability to finalize difficult decisions based on the will and ways of God (James 1:5)

8. Creativity (resourcefulness, initiative, enthusiasm, imagination) MAR

Expressing with my soul the joy of my spirit (I Thessalonians 5:16,19)

Approaching a need, a task, an idea from a new perspective (Romans 12:2)

Recognizing and doing what needs to be done before I am asked to do it (Romans 12:21)

Freedom to be creative under the protection of divinely appointed authority (II Corinthians 10:5)

Wise use of that which others would normally overlook or discard (Luke 16:10)

9. Diligence (patience, endurance, preparation, order) APR

Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it (Romans 5:3-4)

Knowing what factors will diminish the effectiveness of my work or words if neglected (Proverbs 18:15)

Visualizing each task as a special assignment from the Lord and using all my energies to accomplish it (Colossians 3:23)

Using difficult times to demonstrate my commitment to God and to those whom I serve (John 15:13)

Preparing myself and my surroundings so I will achieve the greatest efficiency (I Corinthians 14:40)

10. Respect (submission, deference, fairness, justice) MAY

Awareness of how God is working through the people and events in my life to produce the character of Christ in me (Proverbs 23:17-18)

Limiting my freedom in order not offend the tastes of those whom God has called me to serve (Rom. 14:21)

Appreciating the differences in people and realizing that racism and prejudice are harmful attitudes (Romans 2:11)

Personal responsibility to God's unchanging laws (Micah 6:8)

Why? The Importance of Character Dev

Our goal for the Character Development Program is simple: to saturate the whole of CCS with the practical application of ten major virtues found in the Scripture. Every student, every teacher, every class, every day. The Character Dev component is not just another curriculum add-on. This is not catechism class or religious education; this is truth-application. Our entire campus needs to be a greenhouse to grow these morals. Let us not be a candidate for the Lord's rebuke of Isaiah 29:13-14.

2 Peter 1:5-8 says that we must give all diligence to add to our faith... first virtue, then knowledge ...if we expect our students to be fruitful individuals. As much care should be given to developing their spirits as we are giving to training their minds. We must realize the priority and capitalize on the opportunity to embed within each of our students the core desire to know God and to empower them to live out the Christian life daily.

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