

A NOBLE WORK

God's Qualities For Elders



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- Qualities of Character
- Qualities of Habit
- Qualities of Experience
- Domestic Qualifications

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

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➤ Aspires

➤ oregō: to extend, to stretch one's self out, to reach forward to, to desire earnestly, long after

➤ Above Reproach

➤ anepilēemptos: not to be laid hold of; beyond reproach, unblamable

➤ Ex: 1 Timothy 6:14

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➤ Above Reproach

➤ anenklētos: unblamable, irreproachable

➤ Ex: “yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach” Colossians 1:22

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

➤ Temperate

- nēphalios: somber, temperate, abstinent in respect to wine, etc.; vigilant, circumspect, self-controlled
- Ex: “Older men are to be temperate, dignified, sensible, sound in faith, in love, in perseverance.” Titus 2:2

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

➤ Prudent/Sensible

➤ *sōphrōn*: of a sound mind, sane; temperate, discreet

➤ From *sōos*, "sound, safe" and *phrén*, "inner outlook" which regulates outward behavior.

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

- Respectable

- kosmios: decorous, respectable, well-ordered

- Gentle

- epieikēs: suitable; fair, reasonable; gentle, mild, patient

- Ex: “Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.” Philippians 4:5

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

- Peaceable

- amachos: not disposed to fight; not quarrelsome or contentious

- Not Quick-Tempered

- orgilos: prone to anger, irascible, passionate

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

➤ Not Greedy

➤ *aphilargyros*: not fond of money, not covetous, generous

➤ Ex: Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:7-8

➤ Not Fond of Sordid Gain

➤ *aischrokerdēs*: eager for dishonorable gain, greedy

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

- Lovers of Good

- philagathos: a lover of goodness, or, of the good, a fosterer of virtue

- Just

- dikaios: just, equitable, fair; of persons, just, righteous

- Used 79x in the NT

QUALITIES OF CHARACTER

➤ Self-Controlled

➤ enkratēs: strong, stout; possessed of mastery; master of self

➤ Devout

➤ hosios: sanctioned by the supreme law of God, and nature; pious, devout

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QUALITIES OF HABIT

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- Hospitable

- philoxenos: kind to strangers, hospitable

- Pugnacious

- plēktēs: a striker, one apt to strike; a quarrelsome, violent person

QUALITIES OF HABIT

➤ Not Addicted To Wine

➤ *paroinos*: pertaining to wine, drunken; hence, quarrelsome, insolent, overbearing

➤ Not Self-Willed

➤ *authadēs*: one who pleases himself, willful, obstinate; arrogant, stubborn

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