

THE TEN PILLARS OF CHRIST-LIKE CHARACTER

- 1. Humility:** “A freedom from arrogance & pride, that grows out of the recognition that all we have and are comes from God.” (*John 15:4,5b*)
- 2. Faithfulness:** (*obsolete*: full of faith) steadfast in affection or allegiance: loyal, firm in adherence to promises or in observance of duty: conscientious. (*Luke 16:10,11*)
- 3. Forgiveness:** A decision/act of the will, done by faith in God. Remission of a debt, fine or penalty, the pardon of an offender, by which he is considered and treated as not guilty. (*Eph. 4:30-5:1*)
- 4. Courage:** Character in Crisis, the willingness to obey God under pressure and do what is right and noble, no matter what the cost, quality of mind which enables men to encounter danger and difficulties with firmness, or without fear or depression; valor; boldness. (*Prov. 29:25*)
- 5. Integrity:** Walking in Honesty and Honor, personal incorruptibility, soundness, completeness, Wholeness; entireness; unbroken, unimpaired state of anything, particularly of the mind; moral soundness or purity; incorruptness; uprightness; special reference to uprightness in mutual dealings (*II Cor. 4:1,2 NIV*)
- 6. Loyalty:** Faithful in allegiance, especially to a person, country, cause, or ideal, “being in a whole-hearted covenant with another.” (*Mark 12:30,31*)
- 7. Diligence:** Paying proper, steady, constant attention to a task without unnecessary delay; giving the degree of care required, exertion of body or mind without slothfulness. Perseverance and determination. (*Phil. 3:14 KJV*)
- 8. Gratitude:** Gratitude is an agreeable emotion, consisting in or accompanied with good will to a benefactor, and a disposition to make a suitable return of benefits or services, with a desire to see the benefactor prosperous and happy. Gratitude is a virtue of the highest excellence, as it implies a feeling and generous heart, and a proper sense of duty. Gratitude is not a feeling – it is a habit! (*Col. 1:12,13 NIV*)
- 9. Compassion:** To be moved deeply in one’s inward parts. Compassion is not “feeling sorry” for someone – it is being so moved by the need that you put a demand on the power of God to meet that need. (*1 John 3:17-18*)
- 10. Patience:** The suffering of afflictions, pain, toil, calamity, provocation or other evil, with a calm, unruffled temper; endurance without murmuring or fretfulness. The quality of bearing offenses and injuries without anger or revenge. (*1 Thessalonians 5:14-16 AMP*)

EXCELLENCE: Meritorious, virtuous, in persons, or valuable and esteemed in things. Purity of heart, uprightness of mind, going beyond, sincerity, piety, symmetry of parts, strength and beauty; accurate knowledge, soundness, durability, elegance, contributing to edify or to bless society, Dignity. (*Dan. 5:12, 6:3*)