

CHARACTER QUALITY STUDY

Definition:

- Involves finding what the Bible says about a particular characteristic of a person.

Step One - Name the Quality

- You may also want to list any synonyms or related words that may help you understand this quality. -Look up the quality in an English dictionary and write out its definition.

Step Two - Name the Opposite Quality

- Look up this quality in an English dictionary and write out its definition.

Step Three - Do a Word Study

- Look up the Bible definition of the quality you are studying.
- Use a Bible dictionary, encyclopedia, or word study book for the definition of the quality and how the quality was used in biblical times and in the Scriptures.

Step Four - Find Verses Where the Quality is Used

- Use a concordance and topical Bible to find all the verses you can on this quality.
- Look up the word and its synonyms in the concordance and topical Bible, then write the verses down and give a brief description of that verse.
- Helpful questions to ask in regard to each verse:
 - What are the benefits this trait can bring you or others?
 - What are some bad consequences this trait can bring you or others?
 - Is there any promises from God related to the trait?
 - Is there any warning or judgment related to this trait?
 - Is there a command related to this trait?
 - What factors produce this trait?
 - Did Jesus have anything to say about this quality? What?
 - What writer talked about this quality the most?
 - Is this trait symbolized by anything in Scripture? Is that significant?
 - Is this trait listed with a group of qualities? What is the relationship between them? What does this suggest? What Scriptures tell us directly what God thinks of this trait?
 - Do you want more or less of this trait in your life?
 - -You may want to a brief summary of the Bible's teaching on this quality.
 - -You may want to list any lessons or principles you've learned about this quality.

Step Five - Do a Brief Biographical Study (Optional)

- You may want to find at least one person (more if possible) who showed this character quality in his/her life. Briefly describe the quality and write down verses that refer to it.
- Helpful question to ask of the person:
 - What shows this quality in his/her life?
 - How did this quality affect his/her life?
 - Did the quality help or hinder his her growth to maturity? How?
 - What results did it produce in his her life?

Step Six - Find a Memory Verse

- Memorize at least one verse about the quality which meant the most to you.

Step Seven - Select a Situation or Relationship to Work On

- Think of a specific area in your life that God wants you to work on this character quality.