

# STUDYING THE BIBLE CHARACTER QUALITIES METHOD

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BIBLE

... clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience... And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

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3:12-14

1. Name the **QUALITY** and define it using an ENGLISH DICTIONARY
2. Name the **OPPOSITE** and define it too
3. **DEFINE** the quality using a BIBLE DICTIONARY
4. Find **REFERENCES** using a CONCORDANCE

Now interrogate the references by asking each of them these questions...

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| What are its <b>BENEFITS</b> for the ONE WHO HAS IT?<br>i                                       | Are there <b>BAD CONSEQUENCES</b> of having it?<br>ii  | What <b>BENEFITS</b> does having it hold for <b>OTHERS</b> ?<br>iii                           |
| Are there any <b>BAD CONSEQUENCES</b> for <b>OTHERS</b> if one has it?<br>iv                    | Are there any related <b>PROMISES</b> from God for the one who has it?<br>v                            | Are there any <b>WARNINGS</b> or <b>JUDGEMENTS</b> for those who do (or don't) have it?<br>vi |
| Are there any <b>COMMANDS</b> in relation to this quality?<br>vii                               | What <b>FACTORS</b> produce it?<br>viii  | What, specifically, does <b>JESUS</b> say about it?<br>ix                                     |
| Is this quality presented as <b>ONE OF A GROUP</b> ?<br>x Any reason why?                       | What <b>SYMBOLISM</b> is used when writers describe it?<br>xi  | Which <b>WRITER</b> uses it most? Any reason why?<br>xii                                      |
| Which Scripture is most <b>SPECIFIC</b> about it? What would be your <b>KEY VERSE</b> ?<br>xiii | <b>SUMMARISE</b> your findings, noting any difficult passages which don't seem to fit with the others. |   |

5. Do a brief **STUDY** (200 word?) on a Bible person who exemplifies the characteristic in your view. How do they demonstrate it in their life? How did it affect their outcome? What were the results for others?

6. **MEMORISE** your key verse from step xiii

7. **APPLICATION** How will this change you?  
Make it: personal · practical · possible · provable

How does the application help me to become **MORE LIKE JESUS?**