

The Character of God

In order to trust a person, we must get to know them and be convinced of the stability and depth of their character. It is the same way with God. Unless we know God, we can never trust Him to guide us, comfort us, and do the right things in our lives. We can rest securely and feel comfort and assurance in many situations in life because we KNOW God's character and trust Him.

What is God like?

1. **Eternal Life** – (Psalm 90:2; Genesis 1:1; Psalm 102:27) God has no beginning or end and is eternal, infinite, and timeless.
 2. **Faithful (Immutable)** – (Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17; Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19; Psalm 102:26-27; Deuteronomy 7:9; Psalm 33:4) God is faithful and unchanging in His promises and words. He can be trusted to do what He said He would do. (Jeremiah 18:7-10; Genesis 6:6; Joel 2:13; Jeremiah 26:3, 13; 1 Samuel 15:29)
 3. **Justice** – (Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 19:9; Genesis 18:25; Nahum 1:3) God's justice is perfectly fair when measured on an eternal scale. God is no respecter of persons. Good deeds will be rewarded and evil will be punished.
 4. **Love** – (John 3:16; 1 John 4:8, 16) Love is wanting the very best for another person, even at our own expense. God is perfect love because He always seeks His perfect will in us and desires to see us in the center of His will. He loved us so much that He sent Christ to die to pay for our sins.
 5. **Omniscience** – (Psalm 139:1-4; Hebrews 4:13; Romans 8:28-29) God knows every detail of the past, present, and future. He has perfect recall. He knows our thoughts before we think them.
 6. **Omnipotence** – (Jeremiah 32:17; 1 Peter 1:5) God is all powerful. There is nothing too hard for Him.
 7. **Omnipresence** – (Psalm 139:7-12; 1 Kings 8:27) God is everywhere (not in everything = Pantheism) and there is no place to hide from Him. There is no place that is apart from God's presence.
 8. **Righteous** – (1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 1:5; 1 Samuel 2:2, Deuteronomy 9:14; Psalm 99:9; Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 145:17) God is sinless, holy, and perfect. All that He does is correct and right and proper. He has no sin nature and never violates His own Scripture.
 9. **Sovereign** – (Isaiah 40:13-14; Deuteronomy 4:39; Ephesians 1) God is supreme with no one to answer to. He is completely independent and can make decisions without anyone else's agreement or consent.
 10. **Truth** – (Titus 1:2; Romans 3:4; Romans 11:33; Numbers 23:19) Everything that God says or does is the correct word or action for us to follow. He is ultimately "correct" in every situation.
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1. What words would you use to describe God's character?
 2. How can it help you in life to know God's character?
 3. Think about and discuss the implications of the different elements of God's character.
 4. What would happen if God had love but no justice, or justice but no love?
 5. How can knowing these character qualities answer questions even without a Bible in hand?
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MEMORIZE: Psalm 46:10

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