



How Strong is Your Character? The Results



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Below are the positive character traits that you indicated you have now or would like to have. Think about why each character trait is important and learn some ways to build a stronger character.

Assertive or a Leader

If you are assertive or a leader, you like to take charge and set an example for others.

Questions to Think About

- What qualities do I need to be a good leader?
- How can I be assertive without being bossy?
- In what ways can I be more assertive?

Ways to Become Assertive or a Leader

- Leadership requires good work habits and a strong character.
- Always speak calmly and clearly.
- Be open to ideas other than yours if they help you achieve your goal.

Example Careers for Someone Assertive or a Leader

- Business manager
- Coach
- Labor relations specialist

Caring and Compassionate

If you are caring and compassionate, you are concerned about people and the world, and you want to help.

Questions to Think About

- Do I care about strangers as much as I do my family and friends?
- How do I react to the people in my life who want me to do well?
- In what situations have I shown compassion?

Ways to Become Caring and Compassionate

- Help people in need.
- Treat people kindly.
- Be sensitive to other people's feelings.

Example Careers for Someone Caring and Compassionate

- Counselor
- Elder care provider
- Nurse

Communicative

If you are communicative, you find it easy to talk to and listen to others.

Questions to Think About

- What are some of the ways people share information with me?
- What are some of the ways I share information with others?
- How will improving my communication skills help me get ahead?

Ways to Become Communicative

- Make eye contact.
- Be aware of your body language when talking to others.
- Realize that listening is as important as speaking.

Example Careers for Someone Communicative

- Journalist
- Public relations specialist
- Teacher

Community Focused

If you are community focused, you enjoy giving back to your community, such as the town you live in or the school you go to.

Questions to Think About

- What are some ways I can give back to my town?
- What are some ways I can give back to my school?
- Do I like the direction in which my town or school is headed?

Ways to Become Community Focused

- Participate in your local elections and, when you turn 18, be sure to vote.
- Look into volunteer activities in your town or at your school.
- Get to know the names of your neighbors and classmates.

Example Careers for Someone Community Focused

- Environmentalist
- Ethics officer
- Politician

Confident

If you are confident, you have belief in yourself and your abilities.

Questions to Think About

- In what areas of my life am I very confident?
- Are there any areas of my life where I lack confidence?
- How can I feel more confident in myself?

Ways to Become Confident

- Make a list of special skills or talents you have.
- Dismiss any self-doubt.
- Speak up for yourself.

Example Careers for Someone Confident

- Lawyer
- Salesperson
- Sports agent

Cooperative or a Team Player

If you are cooperative or a team player, you are willing to work with others to achieve a common goal.

Questions to Think About

- What are some ways I have cooperated with my teachers?
- Are there ways I can cooperate more with my parents?
- How can I improve my ability to cooperate?

Ways to Become Cooperative or a Team Player

- Have an open mind when opinions differ from yours.
- Focus on ideas rather than on personalities.

- Keep your eye on the goal, regardless of the path the team takes to get there.

Example Careers for Someone Cooperative or a Team Player

- International relations expert
- Government official
- Mediator

Courteous and Polite

If you are courteous, you show respect and consideration for others.

Questions to Think About

- Who around me treats me with courtesy?
- In what ways am I courteous?
- In what ways can I be more courteous?

Ways to Become Courteous and Polite

- Show the same respect to friends and family that you show to strangers and the elderly.
- Try handwriting a good old-fashioned thank you note.
- Listen to people when they are speaking.

Example Careers for Someone Courteous and Polite

- Customer service provider
- Hotel manager
- Waiter or waitress

Creative

If you are creative, you like coming up with new ideas and new ways to do things.

Questions to Think About

- Do I know any creative people? Who?
- In what areas of my life am I most creative?
- Is there anything I do daily that I can try doing in a different way?

Ways to Become Creative

- Try to think of more than one solution to a problem.
- Dedicate a set amount of time each day for creative endeavors.
- Try something new and don't focus on the result.

Example Careers for Someone Creative

- Architect

- Designer
- Photographer

Dependable and Reliable

If you are dependable and reliable, people can count on you.

Questions to Think About

- Do I follow through on my promises?
- How does it make others feel when I do what I say I am going to do?
- Have I ever let anyone down? How?

Ways to Become Dependable and Reliable

- Be punctual.
- Plan ahead so you are always prepared.
- When you give your word that you will do something, do it.

Example Careers for Someone Dependable and Reliable

- Emergency dispatcher
- Financial adviser
- Weatherman

Disciplined

If you are disciplined, you have self-control of your actions.

Questions to Think About

- Is practicing discipline difficult or easy for me?
- Should I make more of an effort to be disciplined?
- Do others think I am disciplined?

Ways to Become Disciplined

- Do the hardest step first.
- Document your actions to identify your strengths and weaknesses.
- Be patient. Good things come to those who wait.

Example Careers for Someone Disciplined

- Freelancer
- Musician
- Real estate agent

Enthusiastic

If you are enthusiastic, you are interested in and care about what you are doing.

Questions to Think About

- What am I enthusiastic about?
- How do I show my enthusiasm?
- How can enthusiasm help me achieve my long-term goals?

Ways to Become Enthusiastic

- Make sure you always have an activity to look forward to.
- Surround yourself with enthusiastic people. (It's contagious!)
- Appreciate everything you have.

Example Careers for Someone Enthusiastic

- Motivational speaker
- Personal trainer
- Physical therapist

Fair and Impartial

If you are fair and impartial, you can look at a situation without taking sides.

Questions to Think About

- In what situations is it important I remain fair?
- Do I find it difficult to be fair?
- How will remaining fair help me in life?

Ways to Become Fair and Impartial

- Look at the whole picture, not just one aspect of it.
- Do your best to separate feelings and facts.
- If you have a personal stake in the outcome, don't get involved.

Example Careers for Someone Fair and Impartial

- Judge
- Medical examiner
- Reporter

Focused

If you are focused, you can pay attention and avoid distractions.

Questions to Think About

- Is it easy or hard for me to focus on the task at hand?
- What kind of things cause me to lose focus?
- How will being focused help me in life?

Ways to Become Focused

- Plan ahead, so you know what you need to do and when you need to do it.
- Turn off the distractions when you need to get something done.
- Try meditation.

Example Careers for Someone Focused

- Editor
- Surgeon
- Web developer

Generous

If you are generous, you enjoy giving to others.

Questions to Think About

- What are some things I can give?
- What's the last generous thing I did?
- How have I benefited from the generosity of others?

Ways to Become Generous

- Think of some ways you can help the people you know and follow through.
- If your life lacks wealth, you can still give time or some other gift from the heart.
- Start small. Being generous can be as simple as giving a smile to someone who needs it.

Example Careers for Someone Generous

- Estate planner
- Pastor
- Social worker

Honest

If you are honest, you tell the truth—every day of your life.

Questions to Think About

- Am I an honest person?
- Do other people consider me honest?
- Under what circumstances do I lie or distort the truth?

Ways to Become Honest

- No lying. No cheating. No stealing.
- If your honesty may hurt someone's feelings, be sure to speak with kindness.
- Being honest does not mean you need to bare your soul. It's okay to maintain privacy.

Example Careers for Someone Honest

- Bank manager
- Child care provider
- District attorney

Humble

If you are humble, you are confident but know you have more to learn.

Questions to Think About

- In what ways can I learn and grow?
- Where do I draw the line between confidence and overconfidence?
- Have I ever been overconfident?

Ways to Become Humble

- Recognize that everyone has strengths and weaknesses, including you.
- Appreciate how others have contributed to your successes.
- Be objective and don't make comparisons. (Use "good" or "bad," not "better" or "worse.")

Example Careers for Someone Humble

- Customer service representative
- Personal assistant
- Politician

Kind and Considerate

If you are kind and considerate, you are nice to those around you.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Who are some of the kindest people I know?
- Do I treat others the way I want to be treated?
- How do I get people to treat me with kindness?

Ways to Become Kind and Considerate

- Being kind is not motivated by self-interest.
- Love people for who they are—both positive and negative.

- Be available. Make time in your life to spend with others.

Example Careers for Someone Kind and Considerate

- Funeral director
- Tour guide
- Veterinarian

Loyal

If you are loyal, you will stand by someone or something even when times get tough.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I value loyalty?
- Of my friends, whom do I consider most loyal?
- Has anyone ever questioned my loyalty?

Ways to Become Loyal

- Loyalty may sometimes require you to put yourself second.
- Loyalty does not mean you have to compromise your beliefs or principles.
- Appreciate and reward loyalty in others.

Example Careers for Someone Loyal

- Administrative assistant
- Assistant coach
- Spokesperson

Motivated

If you are motivated, you act without being reminded or prompted.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- What kinds of things motivate me?
- Do I consider motivation a positive character trait?
- In what areas of my life am I not motivated at all?

Ways to Become Motivated

- Like the adage says, "One step leads to another." Just take one step.
- Surround yourself with motivated people.
- Stuck in a rut? Switch up your routine.

Example Careers for Someone Motivated

- Agent

- Entrepreneur
- Marketing executive

Observant

If you are observant, you know what's going on around you.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- How aware am I of things happening around me?
- Are there certain things that I am more in tune with than others?
- Do I think it's important to be observant?

Ways to Become Observant

- Start paying attention and taking mental notes.
- Look around you, not just straight ahead.
- Use all five senses—sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch.

Example Careers for Someone Observant

- Crime scene investigator
- Photographer
- Stockbroker

Patient

If you are patient, you can wait without whining or complaining.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I know more people who are patient or more who are impatient?
- Do I find it difficult to be patient?
- How do I show when I'm impatient?

Ways to Become Patient

- Practice. Patience takes a long time to develop.
- Take a moment and breathe.
- Stay focused on the goal.

Example Careers for Someone Patient

- Electrician
- Landscaper
- Truck driver

Resourceful

If you are resourceful, you can find a way to get things done even when facing obstacles.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I think it's important to be resourceful?
- In what situations have I had to be resourceful?
- Are any of my friends resourceful people?

Ways to Become Resourceful

- Pinpoint the specific problem, not just the result of the problem.
- Try working through the problem backwards. Identify your goal first.
- Trial and error are sometimes the best approach.

Example Careers for Someone Resourceful

- Engineer
- Salesperson
- Writer

Respectful

If you are respectful, you have regard for other people's feelings or possessions.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I have respect for others?
- How do I show respect?
- Under what circumstances am I disrespectful?

Ways to Become Respectful

- Ask permission when using anything that does not belong to you.
- Speak with intention.
- Be courteous and polite.

Example Careers for Someone Respectful

- Housekeeper
- Relocation specialist
- Therapist

Responsible

If you are responsible, you take control of your actions and your obligations.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Do I accept responsibility for my actions?
- In what ways do I need to be more responsible?
- Do I think it's ever okay to point the finger at others?

Ways to Become Responsible

- Don't make excuses. Take ownership.
- Don't agree to do more than you think you can handle.
- Be punctual and have follow-through.

Example Careers for Someone Responsible

- Accountant
- Data security officer
- Paramedic

Sincere

If you are sincere, you speak or act "from the heart" and really mean it.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Am I always my authentic self, or am I sometimes "fake"?
- Do others think of me as sincere?
- How do I show people I am sincere?

Ways to Become Sincere

- Don't do it or say it unless you believe it.
- Behave the same way around everyone.
- Don't look to others to validate your self-worth.

Example Careers for Someone Sincere

- Conservationist
- Social worker
- Therapist

Trustworthy

If you are trustworthy, others know they can confide in you.

Questions to Ask Yourself

- Who is the most trustworthy person in my life?
- In what ways do I show I am trustworthy?
- How will being trustworthy help me succeed?

Ways to Become Trustworthy

- Don't gossip.
- Don't over-promise on your skills or capabilities.
- Remember, once you lose trust, it is very difficult to regain.

Example Careers for Someone Trustworthy

- Accountant
- Health care provider
- Pastor



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