

### **Character Traits**

*In the simplest terms, stories are based on characters taking action, or action shaping character. In stories just like in life, people change through experiences. They grow into better people or become worse.*

*This review of some virtues and vices that make up human character is based on the work of the students of English Literature ENG 120, Spring 2021. In studying, you should try to describe these traits in your own words and come up with your own examples.*

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Faith vs. Fear

**Faith** (noun: faith, adj: faithful, verb: to have faith, to be faithful)

**Faith** is means strongly belief in a person or thing. Second, loyalty to duty or person. It's the same as belief in God and trust in his promise. No question about his promise. Also, loyalty to goodness, morality, and integrity.

*"Now faith is the certainty of things hoped for, a proof of things not seen." -- Hebrews 11:1*

Idioms: on faith. I think is the belief without question about it. For examples, I'm on faith with your promise.

Synonyms: devotion, piety, and religion

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

If you are faith in yourself, you can do everything and success in your life. Faith gives you a confident and positive. Moreover, this gives more opportunities to go through everything in your life.

Examples:



**Chris Pratt**

He is a Christian since he was a teenager. In the 2017 Teen Choice Awards, he said "I would not be here with the ease and grace I have in my heart without my lord and savior, Jesus Christ. And he also posts on the Instagram that he happy to live boldly in faith.

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*Fear*

**Fear** is feeling that afraid of something. For example, first, scared of animals. Second, feeling worried and anxious. It is the feeling that you were afraid or worried to do it. You feel not comfortable making it happen to cause the fear in your mind.

Synonyms: fear, fright, terror, horror, panic, apprehension

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Fear can harm to your life if you are not going through. You are not able to do anything. You have to cross your fear and you will see another world of life.

Examples:



Rebel Wilson - When she was filming *Pitch Perfect 3*, a movie about an acapella band, In the last film to contain about heights, She had to repeatedly face her fear of heights while filming and it was nerve-racking. She can face her fear to do all filming until finish.

Wilson recalled the experience: "I know I seem really tough, but I am afraid of heights, that's the one thing I'm afraid of. And I had to do this 20-foot jump 10 times. And each time I was petrified."

<https://brightside.me/wonder-films/10-actors-who-faced-their-worst-fears-during-filming-797000/>

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## Hope vs. Despair

### ***Hope (noun: hope, adj: hopeful, verb: to hope)***

Wish for something that might be possible. This seems that hope depends on circumstance.

#### Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Feeling of confident to trust for something that might be possible. Hope can make your life has power. When you have hope you will have a goal in your life.

#### Examples:

Covid vaccine is a good example of this virtue.  
I believe everyone hope covid vaccine will help people to go back to normal life.



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### ***Despair (noun: despair, verb: to despair of... to be in despair)***

Loss of all hope.

#### Spiritual & Emotional Consequence:

The feeling of depression or loss hope of life. Despair can destroy dream and make you sad and hopeless.



#### Examples:

The example of celebrity came up in my mind is a Korean celebrity. Her name is Sulli and 25 years old. She is a K-pop singer. She committed suicide from her depression.

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Charitable vs. Miserly
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***Charitable (noun: charity, adj: charitable, verb; to be charitable)***

Definitions: Individual / Group of people / organization who has subject / help that response / provide to the people who need willingly with no business or profits involved.

Synonyms: Almsgiving  
: Dole

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: Goodwill which wants to forward and help to those who want. Especially in today's world, often caused by wealthy people or famous organizations. In addition to helping people in need, on the other hand, it promotes a good image for the person and organization as well.

Examples: **Bill Gates** - The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, a merging of the William H. Gates Foundation and the Gates Learning Foundation, is an American private foundation founded by Bill and Melinda Gates. Bill and Melinda Gates have given **\$45.5 billion** to charitable causes, including the eponymously named Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, since 1994, CNBC reported, citing the Chronicle of Philanthropy. In 2019, the couple donated **\$589 million** to charity, making them the seventh most philanthropic people last year.

**Mark Zuckerberg** - **Mark Zuckerberg's charitable** donations also include the joint work with his wife, Doctor Priscilla Chan, in creating and working in their own organization called the Chan **Zuckerberg** Initiative. This organization aims to create education reform, biomedical advancements, immigration reform and housing affordability.

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***Miserly - (noun: a miser, the quality of miserliness, adj; miserly, verb: to be miserly)***

Definition: The personal character of a frugal person that looks pathetic because people with this habit tend to show selfishness if the matter has a lot of money involved.

Synonyms: Cheapness, Pinching

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: The behavior of the person is not poor. And even if they are rich Rather, there will be behavior that takes advantage of others or themselves just because they don't want to spend their money. Or acting like being poor.

Examples: I would like to give an example of one person I used to know. She is from Malaysia. Her family was considered rich. I met her when I came to work with a J-1 visa. She works and earns quite a lot of money. But she sustained her life with steamed buns bought from Chinatown every day. For the reason that it is cheap. To me, that if we love ourselves. We should take good care of ourselves. Eat good food as a thank you to yourself. Rather than choosing to eat just because of the cheap price.

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## Honesty vs. Dishonesty

### ***Honesty (noun: honesty, adj: honest, verb: to be honest)***

Honesty is to hold on the fact and believe in the truth. For example, you're telling the truth when you did something wrong and not hiding the truth.

Synonyms: honor, integrity, and probity.

#### Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

If you are an honest person, you are a reliable person. People will listen to you because you only tell the truth. This virtue is the basic one that everyone should have.

#### **Examples of Virtue : (Celebrities, historical figures, people in news, or people you know)**



Tyrion Lannister from Game of Thrones - Tyrion who is a dwarf, but clever, witty, and resilient. Tyrion has a famous quote that "I trust the eyes of an honest man more than I trust what everybody knows". It shows that he believes in honesty more than anything else.

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### ***Dishonesty (noun: dishonesty, adj: dishonest, verb: to be dishonest)***

Dishonesty is the term of a fraudulent or deceitful act. For example, Cheating, Bribery, Misrepresentation and so on.

#### Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

If you are a dishonest person, you will live the lie. No one will believe in you or trust you.

#### Examples: - Donald Trump



Donald Trump and his twitter. If you are following him on twitter, you would know that he tweets very often, and some of his tweets are fake news and misinformation. Twitter has labeled Trump tweets as 'manipulated media.'

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Self-sacrificing vs. Self-centered

Self Sacrificing -As in selfless. The giving up of one's own interests or wishes in order to help others or advance a cause. Synonyms - altruistic, beneficent, benevolent, charitable

Examples:



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When I was a child, I can think now my mom was really self-sacrificing for me.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: Self-sacrificing's feel like make me security and it's like protect me. And I can feel love from someone who is selfless person.

Examples: He is one of the most famous Korean with self-sacrifice. If he was there, maybe Korea isn't there now. He encounter to Japan at when we were colony.



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***Self-centered (noun: self-centered, self-centeredness, adj; self-centered, verb: to be self-centered)***

Definition: Overly concerned with one's own desires, needs, or interests. A group of self-centered residents with no interest or involvement in their community

Synonyms - egocentric, egoistic, egomaniacal, egotistic (or egotistical), narcissistic, self-absorbed.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: Self- centered feeling makes me angry and I think about bad things. Also I follow that emotion. Like when I meet someone who is self centered, "OK, I don't care about you" I think we have to live each other. But I understand that person who is self-centered because all of we have self-centeredness.

Examples:



I choose this man directly because as you know, he is one of the most self-centered person So now we can see his country. North Korea is really really no good to live He made that situation

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Prudence vs. Reckless, folly

***Prudence (noun: prudence, adj: prudent, verb: to be prudence, to exercise prudence)***

**Definition:** To be wise in practical situations, acting with regards to the future.

**Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:**

**Example:** The character Ally in the film/example *A Star is Born* shows this virtue . She showed prudence in following scene/example: *When Jackson first approaches Aly he asks her to see his show, but she realizes she has responsibilities, such as work to go to the next day and refuses even though it's a once in a lifetime opportunity.*

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***Reckless (noun: recklessness, adj: reckless, verb: to be reckless, to act recklessly)***

**Definition:** *To act without thinking of self or others around, usually in a destructive manner*

**Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:**

**Example:** The character Elliott in the film/example *Bedazzled* shows this vice of recklessness in following scene/example: *When he first finds out about his wishes, he instantly wishes for a big mac without realizing the consequences and without any forethought.*

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Merciful, understanding vs. judgmental

**Mercy (noun: mercy, adj; merciful, verb: to show mercy, to be merciful)**

1. showing or exercising mercy.
2. (of an event) coming as a mercy; bringing someone relief from something unpleasant

Synonyms: forgiving ,compassionate, gracious, lenient, clement, pitying



<https://www.hwcdsb.ca/373506.jpg>

- Uses: Mercy is a “love that responds to human need in an unexpected or unmerited way.” At its core, mercy is forgiveness. The Bible speaks of God's love for sinners – that is, for all of us. But the Bible also relates mercy to other qualities beyond love and forgiveness

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Mercy can use that giving someone a lighter punishment than they deserve.

Examples:



Mother Teresa Bojaxhiu, also known as Mother Teresa Bojaxhiu, is an Indian nun who founded the Catholic Mission of Love in Kolkata, India, in 1950. For the next 45 years, he devoted himself to the poor, the sick, the orphans, and the dying through the Mission of Love.

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**Judgmental:** - having or displaying an excessively critical point of view

- Synonyms: critical , fault-finding, censorious , condemnatory , disapproving

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Fortitude vs. faint-hearted

***Fortitude (noun: fortitude, verb: to show fortitude)***

Definitions: 1. Strength of mind that allows one to endure pain or adversity with courage.  
2. The strength of mind that enables a person to endure pain or hardship.

Synonyms: Backbone, fiber.

Examples: It was only with the greatest fortitude that the Pilgrims were able to survive their first winter in Plymouth.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Fortitude helps us to overcome any dangers, obstacles, and fears; it enables a person to withstand whatever difficulties may block him from attaining his true goal. Classically, fortitude was that virtue which made a man willing to fight and even potentially die in battle. It was seen as the virtue of the soldier, who was determined to offer his life for the sake of a greater good.

Examples:



Tammy Duckworth is the second of three Asian American women to serve in the U.S. Senate, a combat veteran of the Iraq War, she served as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot. In 2004, after her helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade fired by Iraqi insurgents, she suffered severe combat wounds, which caused her to lose both of her legs and some mobility in her right arm. She was the first female double amputee from the war.<sup>[3]</sup> Despite her grievous injuries, she sought and obtained a medical waiver that allowed her to continue serving in the Illinois Army National Guard until she retired as a lieutenant colonel in 2014.

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***Faint-hearted (noun: faint-heartedness, adj: faint-hearted, verb: to be faint-hearted)***

Definition: 1. Deficient in conviction or courage,  
2. Lacking courage or resolution.

Synonyms: fearful, timorous, timid

Examples: 1. She gave him a fainthearted response.  
2. The sport of river rafting is not for those who are fainthearted

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

If you're generally faint-hearted, you tend to be a little timid or anxious, easily scared or overwhelmed. A faint-hearted person might choose not to go on the steepest roller coaster or watch the scariest horror films.

Examples: Draco Lucius Malfoy 5 June 1980 was a British pure-blood wizard and the only son of Lucius and Narcissa Malfoy. The son of a Death Eater, Draco was raised to strongly believe in the importance of blood purity. He is not as brave as his family and in some situations, He is still a coward, and selfish.

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## Humble vs. Arrogant

### ***Humble (noun: humility, adj: humble, verb: to be humble, show humility)***

**Humility - being humble** - is a mildness, and being respectful. I compare it with the personality so that you can see it more clearly. The humble person has respect for the other with no arrogance or self-importance. And showing only polite attitude and behavior. Without an excess of pride. Showing a modest of one's own importance. Not proud

Synonyms: meek, modest, unassuming. Respectful, gentle, and polite to people who surround you.

*A humble person thinks of himself or herself as equal to others, not superior and not inferior. A humble person considers himself or herself as lowly and unworthy before God's magnificence.*

### Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

### Examples:

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### ***Arrogant (noun: arrogance, adj: arrogant, verb: to be arrogant)***

**Arrogance**, in my definition, is someone who very thinks of himself first. then have a strong assumption that he is better than others. He is excessive ego and disrespectful. He is very proud of himself.

- Pretensions to superior importance or rights
- Too proud
- Full of self-worth or self-importance

Synonyms: Assumptive, important, supercilious, proud, disdainful

*People who think that they are the best and look down on others. An arrogant person thinks his or her ideas are the best and doesn't need to listen to anyone else. An arrogant person has no awareness or respect for God's wisdom and greatness.*



Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: Arrogance can destroy a successful business or team members from the inside. Even in personal life relationships. If you care only about yourself and think you're the only one who better than the other

### Example of being arrogant, (arrogance):

#### **Kanye West**

He is singer. Maybe he thinks he is immortal. His face shows how he thinks that he is superior. He just like anyone of us. He think he is better than other.

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Chaste vs. Lustful

**Chaste (noun: chastity, adj: chaste, verb: to be chaste, to practice chastity)**

Definitions: Someone who is chaste is able to control improper, excessive sexual desire and reserves intercourse for the right time, usually in marriage. A person or their behavior that they do not have sex with anyone, or they only have sex with their husband or wife.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:



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Examples: Ciara and Russell Wilson. They are friend before they are a couple. They said “I really believe that when you focus on a friendship, you have the opportunity to build a strong foundation for a relationship.”

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**Lust (noun: lust, adj: lustful, verb: to lust (after someone or something))**

Definitions: Lust is the desire to use the body of another human being for one's physical pleasure without any concern for the person's thoughts or feelings, without caring for the inner person as a human being.



Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Improper purpose, usually a powerful desire to use someone else's body for one's own pleasure without caring who the person. Destroys love and trust in a relationship.

Examples:

Hugh Hefner is known as playboy. He had many girlfriends.

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Temperance vs. Gluttony

**Temperance (noun: temperance, adj: temperant, verb: to be temperant.**

Definitions: Exercising self-restraint and moderation in pleasurable indulgences, especially eating and drinking alcoholic beverages

Synonyms: Abstinence, Sobriety, Constraint, Control

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Without temperance, one would be finding themselves battling addiction affecting their personal lives and how they view their day to day life. Having temperance is finding constraint but without it the consequences of continued alcohol abuse would negatively affect a person’s well-being.

Examples:



Demi Lovato, recently coming off the heels of addiction, celebrated her first year clean at the time of this article. Lovato showed extreme temperance while even admitting herself into rehab to help fix her addiction.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-56107036>

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**Gluttony (noun: gluttony, a glutton, adj: gluttonous, verb: to be a glutton)**

Definition: Excess in eating or drinking

Synonyms: Overeating, Over Consumption, Greed, Binge Eating

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Excessively having a caloric surplus leads to weight gain and ultimately obesity. This could heavily affect one’s self-esteem and how they view their physical self, as well as their overall health. Continued overconsumption of food and beverage leads to a number of health problems that could eventually lead to heart attack, and stroke.

Examples:

When picturing most accurate of the word that I way that all the person’s mouth in picture depicts the



gluttony, this is the visual representation found. There is no food would fit in this one go, but the attempt.

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Diligence vs Sloth

**Diligence (noun: diligence, adj: diligent, verb: to be diligent)**

Definitions: The intention to do whatever with perseverance without feeling discouraged too tired for a while. Synonyms: Industrious, assiduous.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:



Enthusiastic and greater determination. Also, a thirst for the expected results.

Examples:

Cristiano Ronaldo dos Santos Aveiro GOIH ComM is a Portuguese professional soccer player who plays as a forward for SERIE A club Juventus and captains the Portugal national team. One of the most dedicated professional footballer who was diligent in practicing, discipline and also help and support to those who need opportunities. He climbed up 3 major leagues to many famous big teams like Manchester United, Real Madrid and Juventus. Also taken up advertising photoshoots and created his own brands to sell various products under the name CR7.

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**Sloth (noun: sloth, adj; slothful, verb; to be slothful)**



Definitions: The personality of the slow expression. Not motivated to do anything or laziness and not enthusiastic. Named after a slow-moving tree-dwelling animal in Central and South America.

Synonyms: Laziness, idleness

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: Feel free of the surroundings, do not care and do not expect anything and lack of enthusiasm. Accomplish very little and work only with great reluctance.

Examples: The California Department of Motor Vehicles: The DMV is a well-known organization for slow service and requires a lot of patience in waiting. It's not only in the United States but it is believed to be in a similar way around the world. Once I went to get the service and while I was standing at the counter. It took me almost 10 minutes to look at the officer holding my papers to copy. Even though, the machine was less than five meters from her.



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Admiration vs. Envy
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**Admiration (noun: admiration, adj: admirable, verb: to admire)**

Definition: Respect and warm approval, A feeling of respect and approval

Synonyms: account, appreciation, esteem, estimation, favor, regard

Uses: She looked at them in admiration. I have great admiration for her courage

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Witnessing admirable acts has been shown to increase motivation for self-improvement in the domain of witnessed excellence (e.g., sporting performance), but also a more general motivation to work towards achieving one's own life goals. admiration has been shown to be related to higher-level cognitive processes involved in motivation (e.g., planning, the pursuit of goals), but also relates to lower-level activating mechanisms, demonstrating that admiration is a physically energizing emotion.



Examples: Dr. Li Wenliang (China), an ophthalmologist in Wuhan General Hospital, was a hero in more ways than one. He was first to warn about possible outbreak of the Covid-19 virus. He faced opposition from authorities, and later died on February 7, 2020 after treating patients of Covid-19 admitted in intensive Care Unit

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**Envy** A feeling of discontented or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck. Painful or resentful awareness of an advantage enjoyed by another joined with a desire to possess the same advantage

Use: I envy you for your large group of friends. My envy of his success hurt our relationship. Synonyms: being jealous

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: The sin of jealousy over the blessings and achievements of others, especially the spiritual enjoyment and advance of the kingdom of Christ freely and graciously bestowed upon the people of God. Old Testament examples of the sin of jealousy include the rivalry of Joseph's brothers over the favor that Joseph received at the hand of God, and Saul's animosity toward David for his physical and spiritual prowess. Envy inevitably leads to personal harm and debilitation, affecting one's physical, spiritual, and emotional well-being. Unchecked, it gradually leads to a destructive and remorseful way of life, and ultimately, to estrangement from God.



Examples: The Evil Queen, also known as the Wicked Queen or just the Queen, is a fictional character who appears in Walt Disney's film, *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (1937). One day, the mirror tells her that there is a new fairest woman in the land, her 14-year-old<sup>[12]</sup> stepdaughter, Princess Snow White. She became obsessively jealous of the princess' emerging beauty, therefore turning her into a maid in her own home. After observing a handsome Prince singing a love song to Snow White, the proud Queen falls in a jealous rage.

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## Generosity vs, Greed

### ***Generosity (noun: generosity; adj. generous, verb: to be generous)***

**Definition:** A sincere understanding of the situation other people are facing and a kind heart to help. **Synonyms:** Liberality, Charity, Bounty

**Uses:** Generosity is shown in donations to charities without expecting anything in return. It is to voluntarily provide the necessary help, such as time and economic help, to those in need

#### **Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:**

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." - *II Corinthians 9:7*

*Being generous means keeping God's word to love your neighbors as you love yourself, and through this, you can feel real happiness. When you show generosity, you can feel confident that you need your presence.*

**Examples:** Winston Churchill - His eulogies to Neville Chamberlain and Lloyd George were



masterful in their generosity, Andrew Roberts wrote: "To those who had wronged him in the past Churchill would say, "time ends all things," or "the past is dead." In 1940, having finally risen to the pinnacle, he warned critics of his predecessors: "If we open a quarrel between the past and the present we shall find that we have lost the future."

*"We make a living by what we get,  
but we make a life by what we give."*

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### ***Greed (noun: greed, adj: greedy, verb: to be greedy)***

**Definitions:** intense and selfish desire for something, especially wealth, power, or food.

**Synonyms:** Avarice, Acquisitiveness, Rapacity

**Uses:** Greed, when used, is an excessive desire to acquire or possess more than one desire than necessary.

**Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:** The human mind of unrestrained greed hurts the society in which we can live together Human life, distorted by greed, is like building the Tower of Babel.

**Examples:** He is a very greedy loan shark who has always been stingy with others, but one night he lives a life of enlightenment and giving after seeing his past, present, and future all at once with the ghost of a friend who died.



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Gentle, Patient vs. Irascible, Angry

***Gentle* (noun: gentleness, adj; gentle, verb: to be gentle)**

Definitions: Considerate or kindly in disposition; amiable and tender. Not harsh or severe; mild and soft: Easily managed or handled; docile: a gentle horse. Not steep or sudden; gradual: a gentle incline.

Synonym: Patient: Bearing or enduring pain, difficulty, provocation, or annoyance with calmness tried to remain patient when the airline announced the flight was delayed.

Tolerant; understanding: an unfailingly patient leader

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences: When I meet someone who is gentle man, I can feel that man is safe to me. It makes me feel calm and relaxed. That feeling so difficult to find in a man.

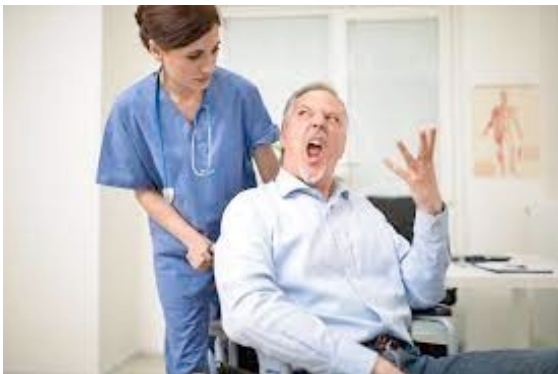


Examples:



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***Irascible, Angry* (noun; irascibility, anger, adj: irascible, angry, verb: to get/be angry)**



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Great-spirited, magnanimous vs. Small-spirited, meanness of spirit

***Great-spirited* (noun: great spirit, adj: great-spirited, verb: to have a great spirit, be great-spirited)**

Definition: Great-spirited person is not easily disturbed by problems or bad luck. Stable, thoughtful, bold, energetic. Looks deeply into situations for solutions, sees with a broad perspective. Able to see others' point of view.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

Great-spirited person will be surrounded by people, because they treat everyone with heart and kindness. They are a good giver.

Examples: Bill Gates - Everyone might know that he is a co-founder of Microsoft Corporation, the world's largest software business, and subsequently became one of the richest men in the world. He also always contributes to the world and does charity frequently. He has the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the world's largest private charitable foundation.



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***Small-minded* - (adj: small-minded, verb: to be small-minded)**

Definitions: Small-minded is someone who has a narrow or fixed mindset, they think and do things in their own way without considering new or different ideas. They always think for themselves, they don't care about others. Easily upset when things don't happen exactly as the person wants.

Spiritual & Emotional Consequences:

This type of person will have a hard time living with others. They have a biased view of the world. They only believe with their own thoughts and won't accept any change.

Examples: My uncle is 55 this year. He always says he is too old to learn anything new and do anything he wants. I always encourage him to learn something new because life is the process of learning. For example, he loves to ride a bicycle, but he thought he's too old to ride. I show him there are many people that are older than you who're still riding.

**Other resources on virtues and vices:**

[https://www.emmanuelarlington.org/pages/page.asp?page\\_id=414254&seriesId=43801](https://www.emmanuelarlington.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=414254&seriesId=43801)

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