

### What Characteristics of Christ Am I to Reflect?

When we give our lives to God, He begins to work within us to make us more "godly." He does this transforming work through the presence of the Holy Spirit inside us, developing His *moral attributes* within us. We need to cooperate w- Him by **purposing** in our hearts to become Christlike.

*"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." -Romans 8:29*

- Holy -Pure, Set Apart From Sin./For Him.

*"Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do..." -1 Peter 1:15*

- *Since He is Holy, He is set apart from sin/ having to sin... for His purposes.*
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- Righteous -Absolute Good

*"Righteous are you, O LORD, and your laws are right." -Psalm 119:137*

- *Since He is Righteous, everything He does is right—even on my behalf, and He grants His righteousness to me.*
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- Just -Fair

*"Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne." -Psalm 89:14*

- *Since He is Just, I know that all His rules / judgments toward everyone, including me, are fair.*
  - *"what does the LORD require of you? To act justly / to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" -Micah 6:8*
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- Merciful -Compassionate

*"The LORD is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion." -Psalm 116:5*

- *Since He is merciful, we know that He has compassion for each / every one of us even when we fail Him/ we are to extend mercy when others fail,"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful" Luke 6:36*
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- Long-Suffering -Patient

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient w- you, not wanting anyone to perish, but...come to repentance." -2 Pet 3:9*

- *Since He is Long-Suffering, I know He is patient w- my spiritual progress..*
  - *And we are to extend His patience to others."Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" -Ephesians 4:2*
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- Wise -Perfect in Choices

*"How many are your works O LORD! In wisdom, you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures." -Psa 104:24*

- *"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" -James 1:5*
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