

The Character of God
(Communicable and Incommunicable Traits)

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COMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

(BELONG TO GOD & CAN BE REFLECTED IN US VIA THE HOLY SPIRIT):

HOLINESS:

1 Peter 1:15-16¹⁵ But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. ¹⁶ For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."^[a]

WISDOM:

Col. 2:2-3_ I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. ³ In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

TRUTHFULNESS:

John 3:33 Anyone who accepts his testimony can affirm that God is true.

LOVE:

Rom. 8:38-39_ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,^[a] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord..

GOODNESS:

Psa. 119:68_ You are good and do only good; teach me your decrees.

FAITHFULNESS:

Deut. 7:9 Understand, therefore, that the LORD your God is indeed God. He is the faithful God who keeps his covenant for a thousand generations and lavishes his unfailing love on those who love him and obey his commands.

MERCY:

Luke 1:50_ He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him.

KINDNESS:

Romans 11:22 Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.

PATIENCE:

1 Tim. 1:16 But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

JUSTICE:

Deut. 32:4 He is the Rock; his deeds are perfect.
Everything he does is just and fair.
He is a faithful God who does no wrong;
how just and upright he is!

RIGHTEOUSNESS:

Isa. 51:6 Look up to the skies above,
and gaze down on the earth below.
For the skies will disappear like smoke,
and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing.
The people of the earth will die like flies,
but my salvation lasts forever.
My righteous rule will never end!

WRATH:

Rom. 1:18 But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

JEALOUSY:

Exod. 34:14 You must worship no other gods, for the LORD, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you

GRACE:

Titus 3:5-7 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.^[a] ⁶ He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Savior. ⁷ Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.

INCOMMUNICABLE ATTRIBUTES

(QUALITIES THAT BELONG TO GOD ALONE):

INDEPENDENT:

Rom. 11:35-36 And who has given him so much
that he needs to pay it back?^[a]

³⁶ For everything comes from him and exists by his power and is intended for his glory. All glory to him forever! Amen.

INFINITE:

Heb. 1:8-12⁸ But to the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.
You rule with a scepter of justice.

⁹ You love justice and hate evil.
Therefore, O God, your God has anointed you,
pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else.”^[a]

¹⁰ He also says to the Son,

“In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth
and made the heavens with your hands.

¹¹ They will perish, but you remain forever.
They will wear out like old clothing.

¹² You will fold them up like a cloak
and discard them like old clothing.

But you are always the same;
you will live forever.”^[b]

ETERNAL:

John 8:58 Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I AM!

INCOMPREHENSIBLE:

Rom. 11:33-34 Oh, how great are God’s riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!

³⁴ For who can know the LORD’s thoughts?
Who knows enough to give him advice?^[a]

SOVEREIGN:

Eph. 1:11 Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God,^[a] for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

THE ONE AND ONLY

¹ Tim. 2:5 For, There is one God and one Mediator who can reconcile God and humanity—the man Christ Jesus.

EVERYWHERE (OMNIPRESENT) :

Jer. 23:23-24 Am I a God who is only close at hand?” says the LORD.
“No, I am far away at the same time.

²⁴ Can anyone hide from me in a secret place?
Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and earth?”
says the LORD.

ALL-KNOWING (OMNISCIENT):

1 Kings 8:39 then hear from heaven where you live, and forgive. Give your people what their actions deserve, for you alone know each human heart.

Ps. 139:1-6 O LORD, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.

2 You know when I sit down or stand up.
You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

3 You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.

4 You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, LORD.

5 You go before me and follow me.
You place your hand of blessing on my head.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too great for me to understand

ALL-POWERFUL (OMNIPOTENT) :

1 Sam. 2:6-7 The LORD gives both death and life;
he brings some down to the grave^[a] but raises others up.

7 The LORD makes some poor and others rich;
he brings some down and lifts others up.

UNCHANGING (IMMUTABLE)

Ps. 102:27 But you are always the same;
you will live forever.