

The 12 Guiding Principles of Exceptional Character

Adaptability

- *The ability and willingness to change; to put yourself in harmony with changed circumstances.*

Compassion

- *Kindness; the desire to help others in distress.*

Contemplation

- *Giving serious consideration to something; to think things through carefully.*

Courage

- *Bravery; the willingness to put your beliefs into practice. The capacity to meet danger without giving way to fear.*

Honesty

- *Truthfulness, sincerity; the act or condition of never deceiving, stealing, or taking advantage of the trust of others.*

Initiative

- *Eagerness to do something; the capacity for thinking of and acting on your own ideas without promoting by others.*

Loyalty

- *Faithfulness, dependability; the quality of being faithful to another person in the performance of duty or adhering to a contract with another person.*

Optimism

- *Positive beliefs; the inclination to take a hopeful view or think that all will work out for the best.*

Perseverance

- *Working hard at something; the quality of trying hard and continuously in spite of obstacles and difficulties.*

Respect

- *Regard, value, admire, and appreciate; special esteem or consideration in which you hold another person or thing.*

Responsibility

- *Accountability; to consider yourself answerable for something.*

Trustworthiness

- *Reliability; dependable, deserving of trust and confidence.*

