

What Are Christians  
Made Of?

# I. Not Covetousness, Greed

- Wrong goals in life make poor Christians. Lk.12:13-15
- Apostles left mark because they were preoccupied with heaven
  - When we forget 'there,' we become barren 'here'

<sup>3</sup>But fornication and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as is fitting for saints ... <sup>5</sup>no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God  
– Ep.5

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II. Good Behavior

## Romans 12:9

- Glue, cement together. Marriage
  - 'He's married to his work'
  - Christian marries good works

## Romans 12:11

Not lagging in diligence (zeal).

Lagging: hold back, reluctant, lazy

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III. Hospitality

# Eager to show hospitality

- Ro.12:13
- Gn.18
- 3 Jn.5-8

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IV. Self-Control



# Self-mastery: mind over matter

- 1 Co.6:12
  - Not mastered, controlled, or dominated by emotions, etc.
- 1 Co.9:25
  - Keep emotions, impulses, desires under control, abstain...

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## Eph.4:26-27

- 'Be angry': intensely provoked
- How many lost because do not control anger? Gn.4 . . . 35
- We CAN control our anger

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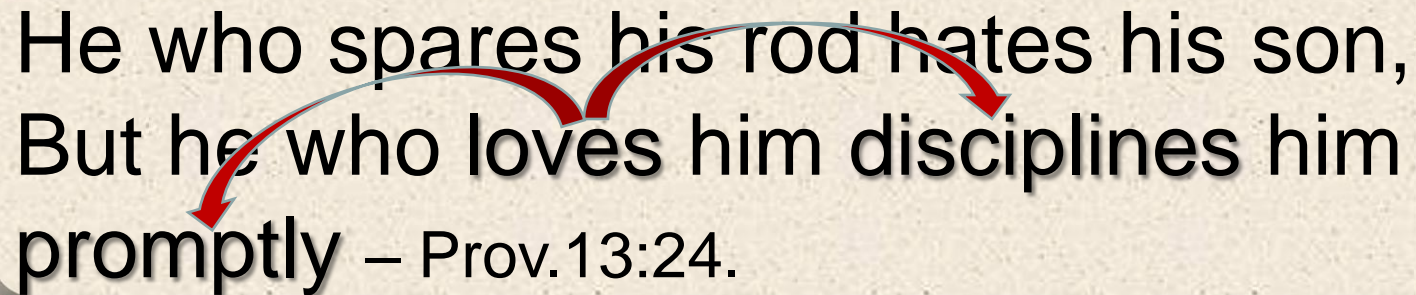
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VI. Love For Children

# Eph.6:4

He who spares his rod hates his son,  
But he who loves him disciplines him  
promptly – Prov.13:24.



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VII. Good Influence;  
Maintain Reputation

# 1 Th.4:12

Properly: decently, becomingly

For “the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,” as it is written – Ro.2:24.

Worldly people recognize inconsistency in Christians

1 Tim.6:1; Tit.2:5

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VII. Good Influence / Repu.

VIII. Holy



# 1 Tim.2:8

Holy: devout, pious, pure, pleasing to God

<sup>15</sup> but **as He** who called you is holy,  
**you also** be holy **in all your conduct,**  
<sup>16</sup> because **it is written**, “*Be holy, for  
I am holy*” – 1 Pt.1:15-16 .

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IX. Blameless

1 Tim.5:7; 6:14

Irreproachable, without reproach – no one can rightly charge unfitness.

‘But we desire to hear from you what you think; for concerning this sect, we know that it is spoken against everywhere’ – Acts 28:22

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XI. Skilled In  
Teaching

## 2 Tim.2:24-26

Rare combination: gentle + able to teach

Able to teach: skillful in teaching

Can be acquired, Hb.5

Welfare of church depends on teaching.  
Starvation – error destroy.

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XII. Just

# Hb.10:38

Just: upright, fair, without partiality

<sup>7</sup> ...delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked <sup>8</sup> (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented his righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing their lawless deeds) – 2 Pt.2:7-8

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# James 3:17

Are we approachable?

Great knowledge and sound advice but cold, rough, bristly demeanor.

Jesus was patient with disciples.

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XI. Just

XII. Gentles

**XIII. Free Of  
Intoxicants**

# 1 Pt.4:3, 7

3: Drunkenness, Revelries, Drinking parties

7: Serious, Watchful



Sober, 5:8

‘To be free from influence of intoxicants’ (Vine)

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1 Pt.5:8

Sober, self-controlled:

Pilot...

Driver...

Gal.5:22-23, governed by God...

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**XV. Vigilant**

# 1 Pt.5:8

Vigilant: be awake; in constant readiness, *be on the alert.*

*Keep eyes open.*

*Walk in jungle of lions...*

“Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” – Mt.26:41

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XVI. Loves What  
Is Good



# ‘What is good’

Cling to, Ro.12:9

Stir up love and good works, Hb.10:24

...unloving, unforgiving, slanderers,  
without self-control, brutal, despisers  
of good – 2 Tim.3:3 .

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**XVII. Not  
Contentious**

# Contentiousness caused by . . .

## 1. Self-will

They are presumptuous, self-willed  
– 2 Pt.2:10.

## 2. Hunger for power

I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us – 3 Jn.9

# Conclusion – qualifications for elders, 1 Tim.3; Tit.1

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Christians. Ac.20:28

- How did Holy Spirit do it? He first made Christians.



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- Why a shortage?
- Lack of godly, mature, committed Christians.
- Exceptions: family; new/young congregation, etc.

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Ac.20:28
2. Many lament shortage of elders.
3. Lk.16:10
  - Faithfully execute every task, small or great; day of greater responsibility will come
  - Prepare lessons; study; teach; preach; train family...