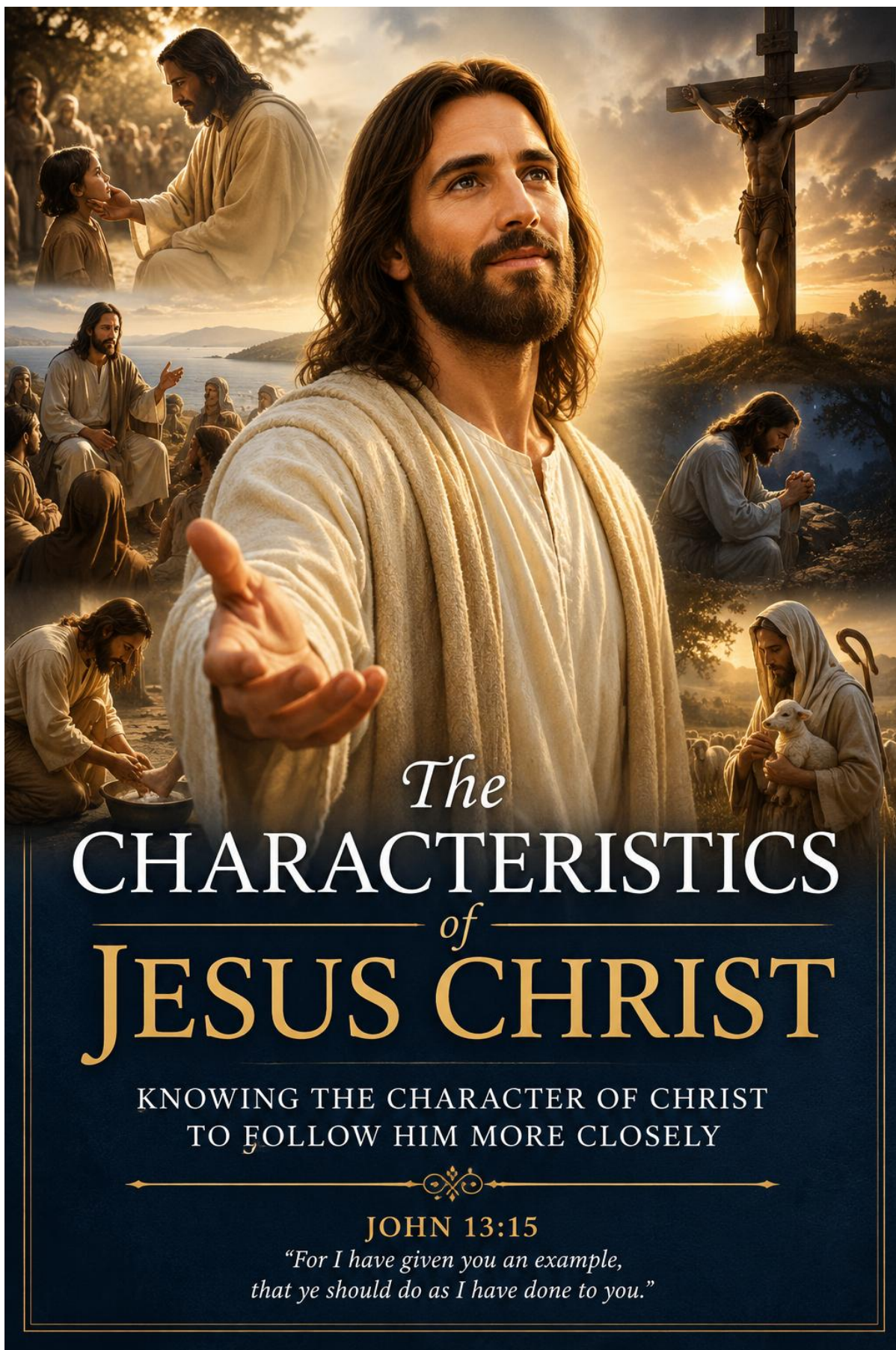




The
CHARACTERISTICS
of
JESUS CHRIST

KNOWING THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST
TO FOLLOW HIM MORE CLOSELY

JOHN 13:15

*"For I have given you an example,
that ye should do as I have done to you."*

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This guide has been prayerfully prepared to encourage believers to know Jesus Christ more deeply through the study of His character as revealed in Scripture. It is intended for personal Bible study, discipleship, small groups, church classes, and individual spiritual growth.

The author has made every effort to present biblical truth accurately and faithfully. Readers are encouraged to study the Scriptures personally and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in applying God's Word to their lives.

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"I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death." — Philippians 3:10 (NLT)



About This Guide

This guide is designed to serve as a quick biblical reference to help you begin studying the characteristics of God. It provides key Scriptures and brief descriptions to help you locate where God's attributes are revealed throughout His Word. As you continue exploring this ministry library, you will find additional in-depth studies devoted to many of these characteristics, offering deeper biblical teaching, context, and practical application. My prayer is that this guide will be a starting point that encourages you to know God more fully through the truth of His Word.



Introduction

Jesus Christ is the central figure of the Christian faith and the perfect revelation of God to humanity. Throughout the Gospels, we see His heart, His words, and His actions revealing the Father's love, holiness, justice, mercy, grace, and truth. Every miracle He performed, every person He encountered, and every sacrifice He made displayed His perfect character. He did not simply teach people how to live—He demonstrated it through His own life.

As believers, our greatest calling is not merely to know about Jesus but to know Him personally and become more like Him. The more we understand His character, the more our faith is strengthened, our relationship with Him deepens, and our lives are transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit. His love teaches us to love, His humility teaches us to serve, His obedience teaches us to trust the Father, and His compassion teaches us to care for others.

This quick reference guide has been designed to provide an overview of many of the characteristics of Jesus Christ found throughout Scripture. It is not intended to be an exhaustive study but rather a starting point that encourages you to explore God's Word for yourself. As you read each characteristic, take time to meditate on the accompanying Scripture, consider how Jesus demonstrated that attribute during His earthly ministry, and ask God to develop that same Christlike character within your own life.

My prayer is that this guide will help you know Jesus more intimately, love Him more deeply, and faithfully follow His example each day.



Why Study the Characteristics of Jesus Christ?

Studying the characteristics of Jesus Christ is essential because He is the perfect example of what God intended humanity to be. Jesus declared, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9), revealing that His life perfectly reflects the nature and character of God. By learning who Jesus is, we gain a deeper understanding of God's heart, His purposes, and His plan of salvation.

The New Testament repeatedly calls believers to become more like Christ. Spiritual growth is not measured merely by how much biblical knowledge we possess, but by how closely our attitudes, words, and actions reflect the character of Jesus. As we spend time studying His life, the Holy Spirit uses God's Word to transform our hearts, renew our minds, strengthen our faith, and shape us into His likeness (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18).

This guide is meant to serve as a practical resource that helps you quickly locate key characteristics of Jesus, discover where they are revealed in Scripture, and understand what they teach about His perfect nature. Whether you are using this guide for personal devotions, Bible study, discipleship, teaching, or sermon preparation, may it continually point you beyond the pages of this book and into a deeper relationship with the One who is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

The more we know Jesus Christ, the more we will love Him, trust Him, worship Him, and become increasingly conformed to His image for the glory of God.

How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to be a simple reference for personal Bible study, discipleship, teaching, or devotional reading. Read one characteristic at a time, look up the accompanying Scripture, and observe how Jesus demonstrated that quality throughout His life and ministry. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand Christ more deeply and to develop that same characteristic in your own life as you grow to become more like Him.





The Characteristics of Jesus Christ

Characteristic	Primary Scripture	What Jesus Demonstrates
Loving	John 13	Jesus demonstrated perfect, sacrificial love by laying down His life for sinners and commanding His followers to love one another as He has loved us.
Compassionate	Matthew 9	Jesus was deeply moved by the suffering of others, responding with mercy, healing, and care for both physical and spiritual needs.
Humble	Philippians 2	Though fully God, Jesus humbled Himself by becoming a servant and willingly submitting to the Father's will, even to death on the cross.
Obedient	Philippians 2	Jesus perfectly obeyed the Father in every circumstance, fulfilling God's plan of redemption through His complete submission.
Holy	Hebrews 4	Jesus lived a completely sinless life, remaining pure and holy while overcoming every temptation.

Characteristic	Primary Scripture	What Jesus Demonstrates
Truthful	John 14	Jesus always spoke the truth and revealed God's truth, declaring that He Himself is "the way, the truth, and the life."
Faithful	Hebrews 3	Jesus faithfully fulfilled every responsibility entrusted to Him by the Father and remains faithful to His promises forever.
Merciful	Hebrews 2	Jesus understands our weaknesses through His humanity and extends mercy to those who come to Him in faith.
Gracious	John 1	Jesus is full of grace and truth, offering forgiveness, salvation, and undeserved favor to all who believe in Him.
Forgiving	Luke 23	Even while suffering on the cross, Jesus forgave those who crucified Him, demonstrating the depth of God's forgiveness.
Gentle	Matthew 11	Jesus welcomed the weary, burdened, and broken with gentleness, offering rest, peace, and compassion.
Servant	Mark 10	Jesus came not to be served but to serve others, giving His life as the ultimate sacrifice for humanity.
Patient	John 21	Jesus patiently restored Peter after his failure, showing His willingness to forgive, teach, and restore His followers.
Courageous	John 18	Jesus stood firm before His accusers and willingly faced suffering and death to accomplish the Father's purpose.
Prayerful	Luke 5	Jesus regularly withdrew to spend time in prayer, demonstrating complete dependence upon the Father.
Wise	Luke 2	Jesus displayed perfect wisdom from His youth, teaching God's truth with divine understanding and authority.

Characteristic	Primary Scripture	What Jesus Demonstrates
Compassionate Shepherd	John 10	Jesus lovingly cares for His people, knows each one personally, protects them, and willingly lays down His life for His sheep.
Teacher	Matthew 5	Jesus faithfully taught God's Word with authority, revealing the truths of God's kingdom and calling people to faithful obedience.
Savior	Luke 19	Jesus came to seek and save those who are lost, providing salvation through His death and resurrection.
Redeemer	Mark 10	Jesus willingly gave His life as the ransom for humanity, purchasing our redemption through His sacrificial death.
King	Revelation 19	Jesus reigns as the eternal King of kings and Lord of lords, possessing all authority over heaven and earth.
Judge	John 5	The Father has entrusted all judgment to the Son, who will judge every person with perfect righteousness and justice.
Intercessor	Hebrews 7	Jesus continually intercedes before the Father on behalf of believers as our eternal High Priest.
Shepherd	John 10	Jesus faithfully leads, provides for, protects, and guides His people as the Good Shepherd.



Understanding Jesus' Attributes

Jesus' characteristics are never independent of one another. Every attribute perfectly reflects His divine nature, sinless humanity, and complete obedience to the Father. As you study the characteristics of Jesus Christ, remember these important truths:

- Jesus' love is always holy and sacrificial.
- Jesus' compassion is always guided by truth.
- Jesus' mercy never ignores sin but offers forgiveness and restoration.
- Jesus' grace is perfectly joined with righteousness.
- Jesus' humility never diminished His divine authority.
- Jesus' obedience always fulfilled the Father's will.
- Jesus' power was always exercised with wisdom and compassion.
- Jesus' courage was rooted in complete trust in the Father.
- Jesus' service revealed His love for humanity.
- Every characteristic reveals the perfect and complete nature of Jesus Christ.
- Together, Jesus' characteristics help us understand who He is and how believers are called to follow Him.

What Jesus' Characteristics Reveal to Us

Studying Jesus' characteristics helps us understand who He is, how He revealed the Father, and how He faithfully ministers to His people. Through Scripture, we discover that:

- Jesus is the perfect revelation of God the Father.
- Jesus is fully divine and fully human.
- Jesus is holy, righteous, truthful, and without sin.
- Jesus is loving, compassionate, merciful, gracious, and forgiving.
- Jesus is humble, obedient, faithful, patient, and gentle.
- Jesus is our Savior, Redeemer, Shepherd, Teacher, and Intercessor.
- Jesus possesses all authority as King and Judge.
- Jesus understands human weakness and responds with compassion.
- Jesus faithfully leads, protects, restores, and cares for His people.
- Jesus is the perfect example of how believers are called to live.

The more we know the character of Jesus, the more we learn to love Him, trust Him, obey Him, follow His example, and grow into His likeness.





Personal Bible Study Guide

Use this reference guide as a starting point to deepen your understanding of Jesus Christ through His Word. Rather than simply reading the list, spend time studying each Scripture passage and observing how Jesus revealed that characteristic through His words, actions, relationships, suffering, death, and resurrection.

As you study each characteristic, consider these questions:

- What does this Scripture teach me about who Jesus is?
- How did Jesus demonstrate this characteristic in His life and ministry?
- What does this characteristic reveal about the heart of God?
- How does knowing this truth help me trust Jesus more fully?
- Which characteristic of Jesus do I most need to understand or reflect in this season of my life?
- How should this truth change the way I think, pray, speak, serve, forgive, or respond to others?
- What practical step can I take to follow Jesus' example more closely?

If a particular characteristic speaks to your heart or raises additional questions, spend time reading the surrounding chapters, comparing related passages throughout Scripture, and praying for the Holy Spirit to deepen your understanding. You may also explore the additional in-depth studies available throughout this ministry library, where many aspects of the life, ministry, teachings, names, and titles of Jesus Christ are examined in greater biblical detail.

The more we know Jesus as He has revealed Himself in Scripture, the more our faith grows, our love deepens, and our lives are transformed to reflect His character.





A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for revealing Yourself through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Thank You for His perfect love, holiness, mercy, grace, and faithfulness. As I study His life and character, it helps me to know Him more deeply, love Him more fully, and faithfully follow His example each day. May my life bring glory and honor to You.

Help me not only to admire who Jesus is but to become more like Him through the work of Your Holy Spirit. Strengthen my faith, shape my heart according to Your Word, and empower me to reflect Christ's compassion, humility, and truth in every part of my life as I serve You and others.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

A Prayer for the Reader

Gracious Father,

I pray that every person who reads this guide will grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ and experience a deeper relationship with Him. Open their hearts to understand His perfect character, strengthen their faith, and transform their lives through the power of Your Holy Spirit. May they become more like Christ each day and faithfully reflect His love to the world around them.

May this guide be more than information—it may it become a tool You use to draw each reader closer to Yourself. As they continue to seek You through Your Word, fill them with wisdom, peace, courage, and hope, so that their lives will bring glory to Your name and point others to the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Continue Your Journey

Knowing the characteristics of Jesus Christ is the beginning of a lifelong journey of knowing Him more deeply and becoming more like Him. The more you study His life, words, and ministry, the more you will discover His perfect love, holiness, compassion, faithfulness, and obedience to the Father.

As you continue your study, I encourage you to explore the other Bible Reference Guides and in-depth studies available throughout this ministry library. They are designed to help you grow in your understanding of God's Word and strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ.

Continue your journey by exploring:

- The Names of God
- The Names and Titles of Jesus Christ
- Shared Divine Titles of the Father and the Son
- The Characteristics of God
- The Prophets of the Bible
- Major Men God Used Throughout the Bible
- The Promises of God
- The Miracles of Jesus
- The Parables of Jesus
- The Characteristics of a Disciple of Jesus
- Walking with God This Week (Weekly Devotionals)

"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever! Amen." — 2 Peter 3:18

May your study of Jesus Christ deepen your understanding of who He is, strengthen your faith in His promises, and draw you into a closer relationship with Him. Never stop seeking to know the Savior who perfectly revealed the Father, gave His life for your redemption, and continues to transform believers through the power of the Holy Spirit. The more you know Jesus, the more your life will reflect His character for the glory of God.

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