

# The Five Words of Worth

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Studies have been done concerning what characteristics people find most valuable in others, when working together. Five different words describing a persons character traits were discovered and are described below, in their order of worth, meaning, if the first character trait is not being practiced, then none of the remaining traits count. The lesson is to be consistent in delivering all five characteristics and you will be of great worth to people.

1. **Reliability:** Do what you say you're going to do! If you commit to do something there is no other acceptable answer than to follow through, doing exactly what has been promised. In biblical terms we are referring to being "faithful." Our Lord is perfect in this category to those who follow Him. *"Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago." (Isaiah 25:1 NIV)*

2. **Responsiveness:** Listen well and be quick to respond to the needs of others, regardless of the circumstances. Solve problems quickly and efficiently, absent any hassle. Be humble in nature, not looking to blame but to reconcile in all matters. *"If someone slaps you on one cheek turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them." (Luke 6:29 NIV).*

3. **Assurance:** Leave no one in despair; leave no one alone. Provide assurance to others that you will not abandon them in their time of need. As you've heard, "No man is an island." Never more than today are people in need of strong, unwavering relationships with one another; partnerships are essential. See things through to the end. *"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.'" (Hebrews 13:5 NIV)*

4. **Empathy:** Be sure to have genuine concern for others; giving people the right to feel as they do about any given subject. You're not voting for right or wrong in the case of empathy; you're seeing matters from the other person's perspective. *"When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, 'Don't cry.'" (Luke 7:13 NIV)*

5. **Image:** Are you someone with whom I would be proud to associate? Does you character demonstrate traits that are wholesome, and of high moral and ethical standards? *"For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection, and to mutual affection, love." (2 Peter 1:5-7 NIV)*