

## The 8 Essential Quality Characteristics Biblical Basis

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The following is a brief list of some Scriptures describing each of the 8 essential quality characteristics of NCD. This is only a partial list. You can add to it.

1) Enabling Leadership a) It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service (Eph. 4:11-12, NIV). b) And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others (2 Tim. 2:2, NIV). c) Joseph ... whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement (Acts 4:36, NIV). d) "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt. 4:19, NIV).

e) And He appointed twelve, so that they would be with Him and that He could send them out to preach (Mark 3:14, NASB). f) Teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ (Col. 1:28, NIV).

2) Gift-based Ministry a) Above all, love each other deeply ... Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms (1 Pt. 4:8-10, NIV). b) Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us (Rom. 12:4-6, NIV). c) To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. (1 Cor. 12:7, NIV). d) Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant (1 Cor. 12:1, NIV).

e) I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith (Rom. 1:11-12, NIV).

3) Passionate Spirituality a) O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you (Ps. 63:1, NIV). b) Pray without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17, NIV). c) Just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy" (1 Pt. 1:15-16, NIV). d) I have not departed from the commands of his lips; I have treasured the words of his mouth more than my daily bread (Job 23:12, NIV)

e) Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. (Ps. 73:25). f) As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God (Ps. 42:1-2, NIV). g) Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Rom 12:11-12, NIV). h) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind (Mt. 22:37, NIV).

4) Useful Structures a) For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil? (Luke 13:7, NIV). b) This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit (Jn. 15:8, NIV). c) To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law ... so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law ... so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. ... Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight

like a man beating the air (1 Cor. 9:20-26). d) Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful (1 Cor. 4:2, NIV).

e) But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way (1 Cor. 14:40, NIV). f) The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty (Prov. 21:5, NIV). g) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2, NIV). h) The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire (Luke 3:9, NIV). i) The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath (Mk. 2:27, NIV). j) We will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work (Eph. 4:15-16).

5) Inspiring Worship Services a) My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God (Ps. 84:2, NIV). b) I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD" (Ps. 122:1, NASB). c) Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere (Ps. 84:10). d) I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells (Ps. 26:8, NIV).

e) Zeal for your house consumes me (Ps. 69:9, NIV). f) Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation (Ps. 95:1). g) Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King (Ps. 149:1-2). h) Let us exalt his name together (Ps. 34:3, NIV). i) Let them exalt him in the assembly of the people (Ps. 107:32). j) I will praise you forever for what you have done; in your name I will hope, for your name is good. I will praise you in the presence of your saints (Ps. 52:9, NIV). k) These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy (Ps. 42:4, NIV). l) I will extol the LORD with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly (Ps. 111:1, NIV).

6) Comprehensive Small Groups a) Spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24, NIV). b) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves (Rom. 12:10, NIV) c) They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (Acts 2:46-47, NIV). d) As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (Prov. 27:17).

e) Serve one another in love (Gal. 5:13, NIV.) f) Carry each other's burdens (Gal. 6:2, NIV).

7) Need-meeting Evangelism a) "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him (Mk. 10:51, NIV). b) Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? (Jms. 2:15-16, NIV). c) To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. ... To those not having the law I became like one not having the law ... so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some. 23I do all this for the sake of the gospel (1 Cor. 9:20-23, NIV). d) As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people (Gal. 6:10, NIV).

e) If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth (1 Jn. 3:17-18). f) Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen (Eph. 4:29, NIV).

8) Loving Relationships a) The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart (1 Tim. 1:5, NASB)  
b) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:2, NIV).  
c) Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins (1 Pt. 4:8, NIV). d) The fruit of the Spirit is love (Gal 5:22, NIV).

e) Let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. 8Whoever does not love does not know God (1 Jn 4:7-8, NIV). f) Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another (Jn. 13:34-35). g) If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor. 13:1, NIV). h) These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love (1 Cor 13:13, NIV). i) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves (Rom. 12:10, NIV). j) Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies (1 Cor. 8:1, NASB). k) May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other (1 Thes. 3:12, NIV). l) Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart (1 Pt. 1:22, NIV). m) If we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us (1 Jn. 4:12, NIV). n) If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar (1 Jn. 4:20, NIV).

o) Eph. 4:32 p) 1 Thes 4:10 q) Heb. 10:24, NASB