

# Character Quality

## Alertness



### 1 Find the definition.

Dictionary definition:

*Watchful and prompt to meet danger or emergency, quick to perceive and act.*

IBLP operational definition:

*Being aware of that which is taking place around me so I can have the right response to it*

### 2 Expand with synonyms, antonyms, or related words.

Synonyms: *observant, open-eyed, vigilant, wakeful, wary, watchful, wide awake*

Antonyms: *overlook, unaware, unobservant*

### 3 Related qualities that bring balance:

*Discretion, Discernment, Gentleness, Forgiveness, Reverence, Humility, Compassion*

### 4 How does this quality relate to the Scripture passage and/or major concept?

*When Jesus saw the multitudes, He was alert. He saw every need in each person, and He acted promptly in delivering a message of truth that applied to each one.*

### 5 Identify the quality in Scripture.

Scripture references:

*Luke 12:37, Rev. 3:2*

Bible men and women who demonstrated this character quality:

*Moses, Hannah, Samuel, David, Nehemiah, Daniel, Joseph, Mary, the wise men, Peter, John, Stephen, Paul*

Bible men and women who did not demonstrate this character quality:

*Jonah (asleep during storm), Eli (misjudged Hannah), Pharisees (did not recognize Jesus as the Messiah), the disciples (sleeping while Jesus prayed)*

Christ demonstrated this quality when:

*The woman with an issue of blood touched His clothing; when He saw the multitudes; when He was tried before Pontius Pilate; when He noticed Zacchaeus in the tree*

### 6 Three ways my family and I can demonstrate this quality this month:

- Notice and greet visitors at church with a smile*
- Listen to and look at those who speak to me*
- Notice and meet needs around the house*

### 7 My operational definition:

*Being watchful of the things happening around me, so that I can avoid danger and meet the needs that others may overlook*