

## **Qualities I Am Thankful For...**

Every person is different. With this, everyone has different personalities. A person's personality can differ through their life, but at the end of the day, we always obtain the same qualities that we were born and grew up with. Some of these qualities come from our parents or from the people we are around most. The qualities a person has determines how many people want to be around them. They are the most important part about a human, mostly because they tell us apart from someone else.

There are many qualities that tell me apart from others that I am thankful for. Some of them are my intelligence, empathy, independence, and social skills. The quality of being social is very important to me because there are several people, especially my age, who find it hard to interact with others in real life. During the pandemic, everyone was behind a screen, which made it hard to interact with others after a year. Not only that, but this quality also helps me speak to adults, make friends easily, and make conversation. Another quality I am thankful for is my empathy. One thing that I cannot do is ever fully dislike someone. I always find a way to imagine someone's life from their perspective. Even if someone does something horrible either to me or to anyone, I always look at everything else going on and usually end up understanding the person, maybe not the action, but always the person. One last quality that I am thankful for is my independence. Anyone can be book smart and study and get perfect grades. Not everyone can walk outside their front door or do anything by themselves, all alone. I truly believe that if someone put me in the middle of Brooklyn, I would make my way around.

All of the above are qualities that will get me through high school, college, and the rest of my life. They will keep me around good people, lead me to better decisions and judgment, and hopefully get passed on to my future children, as my parents passed some of these qualities on to me. Intelligence, empathy, independence, and social skills are qualities that have been gifts to me from God that I think are rare in other people. I hope that during this Thanksgiving time, everyone can see my qualities and others' qualities and use them to improve our world.