**Summary of the Characteristics of the Resurrection Body  
1 Corinthians 15:42-49**

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| **Description or Characteristic** | **Earthly Body** | **Resurrection Body** |
| 1. Ability to sustain life over time. | **Perishable:** Subject to deterioration and finally death and decay. | **Imperishable:** Incapable of deterioration; the 2nd law of thermodynamics will no longer apply. |
| 2. Value and potential for honoring and glorifying God. | **Dishonorable:** Characterized by disgrace, shame, and indignity. | **Glorious:** Characterized by excellence, honor, splendor, brightness, and blessedness. |
| 3. Physical ability to carry out one's intended purpose. | **Weak:** Fragile, feeble, liable to sickness and infirmity, lack of ability to restrain corrupt desires. | **Powerful:** Inherent strength or ability; capable of the highest service before God without weariness. |
| 4. Intended sphere of existence. | **Natural:** Limited to life in the fallen, earthly realm. | **Spiritual:** Suited to life in an eternal and heavenly realm. |
| 5. Basic orientation, tendency, or focus. | **Adam-like:** Tending downward toward sinfulness and deterioration. | **Christ-like:** Tending upward toward righteousness and holiness. |

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