

Bible Study #8

VIRTUE (PURITY)

Bible Studies 8-14 are taken from **2 Peter 1:5-7**:

“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith **virtue**, to virtue **knowledge**, to knowledge **self-control**, to self-control **perseverance**, to perseverance **godliness**, to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness **love**.”

This passage deals with Christian character, those qualities and attributes the Lord desires and requires of us as Christians. God wants you to live life to the fullest capacity. That is why He is molding and shaping you each day to be more like Jesus. When you add virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love to your life, you are maturing in your relationship with Jesus Christ, thus becoming more like Him.

For the next seven lessons you will be learning about each of these qualities of Christian character. Keep in mind that there will always be room for growth in your life in each of these areas. There are no plateaus to arrive at where you will have received all that there is to learn. If there were, you could give God a nudge and say, “Move over, there's two of us now.”

VIRTUE means moral goodness, modesty and purity. All of us are stained by sin and its hold over our lives. But God desires to share His purity and His perfection, with us through the gift of His Son Jesus Christ.

Begin memorizing **Philippians 4:8**

“Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.” - Philippians 4:8

1. **Isaiah 6:3, 1 Samuel 2:2, and Revelation 15:4** reveal a most important attribute of God. What is it? His Holiness.

God's Holiness is the “sum of all moral excellency found in Him. He is absolute purity.

2. God is so pure that he cannot do what, according to **Habakkuk 1:13**? Sin.
3. How does **Psalms 12:6** describe the words of the Lord? They are Pure.

God's Word contains nothing that is useless or worthless. **John 17:17** tells us that God's Word is truth.

4. According to **1 Peter 1:22**, how do we purify ourselves? In obedience to the truth.
5. As children of God we want to live a life that is clean and pleasing to the Lord. What do the following verses say about this?
Psalms 51:10 We are to ask God to clean our hearts and renew a steadfast spirit in us.

Proverbs 4:14-15 We are to avoid the path of the wicked

6. What does God promise to those who are pure in heart?
Matthew 5:8 They shall see God.
7. According to **1 Peter 1:15**, every Christian is called to: Be holy.

The word **CONDUCT** means “manner for life.” It is used here in regard to living a life that is holy.

8. How does God describe those who practice impurity?
Ephesians 4:18-19 They are darkened in their understanding and excluded from the life of God.
9. What are some of the works of the flesh?
Galatians 5:19-21 Immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outburst of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these
10. The Christian should value his body as a sacred place where God dwells. What does **1 Corinthians 6:19** tell us about our body? It is a temple of the Holy Spirit.
11. What principles do the following verses give for living a life of purity?
2 Timothy 2:22 Flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace.
Romans 13:14 Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts.
12. As we become clothed with the purity of Christ, what are we to do for others?
1 Timothy 4:12 Be an example of those who believe.

As our faith in God increases, our lives will become more pure; and then we will seek more of the knowledge of God's purity and other attributes.

13. Are you living a life that's pure? yes/no.

From memory, write out your memory verse from the beginning of this Bible study.

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