**VIRTUE**

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Virtue: Morel excellence, Goodness and Righteousness

1. 2 Peter 1:5-7

A. And besides this , giving all diligence , add to your faith virtue ; and to virtue knowledge ; and to knowledge temperance patience ; and to patience Godliness ; and to Godliness brotherly kindness ; and to brotherly kindness charity .

B. Because you have these blessings, you should try as much as you can to add these things to your life: to your faith add goodness; and to your goodness add knowledge; and to your knowledge add self – control; and to your self control add patience; and to your patience add service for God; and to your service for God add kindness for your brothers and sisters in Christ; and to this kindness for your brothers and sisters add love.

2. Philippians 4:8

A. Finally , brethren , whatsoever things are true , whatsoever things are honest , whatsoever things are just , whatsoever things are pure , whatsoever things are lovely , whatsoever things are good report ; if there be any virtue , and if there be any praise , think on these things .

B. Brothers and sisters, continue to think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected.

3. Ephesians 4:2-3

A. With all long lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace .

B. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient and accept each other with love. You are joined together with peace through the spirit. Do all you can to continue together in this way. Let peace hold you together.

Still talking about virtue Paul talking

4. 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

A. Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. and though I have the gift of prophecy , and understanding all mysteries , and all knowledge ; and though I have all faith , so that I could remove mountains , and have not charity , I am nothing . and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor , and though I give my body to be burned , and have not charity , it profiteth me nothing .

5. Galatians 5:22-23

A. But the fruit of the spirit is love , joy , peace , longsuffering ,gentleness , goodness , faith , meekness , temperance : against such there is no law .

B. But the spirit gives love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. **There is no law that can say these things are wrong**.

6. John 16:33 **Jesus** talking to his disciples talking plainly to them

A. These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

B. I told you these things so that you can have peace in me. In this world you will have trouble. But be brave! I have defeated the world!’’

7. Proverbs 10:9

A. He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: but he that perverteth his ways shall be known.

B. A **good**, **honest** person is **safe**. But a **crooked person** who cheats will be **caught**.

8. Romans 12:18

A. If it be possible, as much as liveth in you, live peaceable with all men.

B. Do the best you can to live in peace with all people

9. James 3:13

A. who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? Let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.

B. Is there any person among you who is truly wise and understanding? Then he should show his wisdom by living right. He should do good things with humility. A wise person does not boast.

10. Colossians 3:15

A. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts , to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

B. Let the peace that Christ gives control your thinking. You were all called together in one body to have peace. Always be thankful.

**Body** – Christ’s spiritual body , meaning the church – his body .

11. Philippians 2:3-4

A. Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

B. When you do things, don’t let selfishness or pride be your guide. Be humble and give honor to other people than to yourselves. Don’t be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of other people, too.

12. Ephesians 6:10-11 **End of Paul’s letter**

A. Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. **Put on the whole armour of God ,** that ye may be able to **stand against** the wiles of **the devil**.

B. To end my letter I tell you, be strong in the Lord and in his great power. Wear the full armor (protection) of God. Wear God’s armor so that you can fight against the devil’s evil tricks.

Hope today that we can truly understand **virtue**. And how important it is to apply it to our everyday life as Christians .

There are five things we must do to become Christians

**H**ear the word, **Believe** what you have heard, **Repent**, **Confess**, and be **Baptized**.

Shall we stand while we sing the song of Invitation

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