

BIBLE STUDY #1

VIRTUE (PURITY)

This next set of studies is taken from II Peter 1:5-7

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

This passage deals with Christian character, those qualities and attributes that 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 into being 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."

Begin memorizing Philippians 4:8 (NIV)

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

In this lesson you should learn:

- A. God is pure and holy.
- B. We are to live a life that is pure and holy.
- C. What principles we can follow to live a life of purity and holiness.

Before we start, let's **PRAY** and ask God's Holy Spirit to open our hearts to receive His Word and to show us how to apply it in our life. Do not copy scriptures, but answer the question briefly and in your own words.

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, His perfection, with us through the gift of His Son Jesus Christ.

1. What is an important attribute of God?

Isaiah 6:3 _____
I Samuel 2:2 _____
Revelation 15:4 _____

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?

Habakkuk 1:13 _____

3. How are the words of the Lord described?

Psalm 12:6 _____

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

4. How are we to purify ourselves?

I Peter 1:22 _____

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 _____

Proverbs 4:14 & 15 _____

In Psalms 51:10 (above) create means "to bring into existence" something new. Only God can fashion the heart with purity.

6. What does God promise those who are pure in heart?

Matthew 5:8 _____

7. What is every Christian called to do?

I Peter 1:15 _____

The word conduct (NKJV) means "matter of 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 _____

9. What are some of the works of the flesh?

Galatians 5:19-21 _____

It is great to know that we can be free from the bondage of the works of the flesh through yielding our lives to the Holy Spirit. Read **Galatians 5:16**.

10. The Christian should value his/her body as a sacred place where God dwells. What does the scripture tell us about our bodies?

I Corinthians 6:19 _____

11. What principles do the following verses give for living a life of purity?

II Timothy 2:22 _____

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Romans 13:14 _____

12. As we become clothed with the purity of Christ, what are we to do for others?

I Timothy 4:12 _____

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 is pure?

From memory write out your memory verse from page 1:

