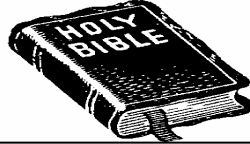


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THE CHRISTIAN VIRTUES PART I

- Peter's List** (2 Pet 1:5-7) "Giving all diligence, ____ your (1) _____ (2) virtue; and to _____ (3) knowledge; and to _____ (4) temperance; and to _____ (5) patience; and to _____ (6) godliness; and to _____ (7) brotherly kindness; and to _____ kindness (8) _____." Why are these traits called virtues, or graces? _____
There is no certain order in which these qualities are to be added. They are all "virtues" in a special sense although the second one we shall examine is listed as "virtue."
- #1. Faith** One is not born with Bible faith. (Rom 10:17) "Faith cometh by _____, and hearing by the _____ of _____." Faith is believing in this instance. One can choose to either believe or to disbelieve. Jesus said, "If ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins." Scripture? _____
- Faith Takes Effort** James wrote (2:18), "I will show thee my _____ by my _____." Jesus called believing on him "the work of God." Scripture? _____ If something is not "the work of God," then it must be the work of _____. Jesus, during his time on earth, performed "the works" of God. (Jn 9:4) "I must _____ the _____ of him that sent me." God requires the Christian to have faith (Heb 11:6). Without it one cannot _____ God.
- Faith Must Grow** Our faith is often tried (Jas 1:3). We will develop _____ if we withstand the testing of our faith. Even the apostles (Lk 17:5) "said unto the Lord, _____ our _____." If they needed their faith increased surely we also have that need. We are to (Eph 4:15) "grow _____ into him in _____ things." Does that include faith? _____ Paul said (Rom 4:20) that _____ was "_____ in faith, giving _____ to God." Can we give "glory" to God if our faith is not strong? _____ (Eph 3:16-17) "to be strengthened with might _____ in the _____ man; that Christ may _____ your _____ by faith."
- #2. Virtue** This word (GK: *arete*) actually means *manliness, courage, vigor, energy*. Paul commanded (1 Cor 16:13), "_____ you _____ men." This means to act manly. Paul admonished Timothy to "endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Scripture? _____
- Courage Is A Basic Ingredient** (Ps 27:14) "_____ on the LORD: be of good _____, and he shall _____ thine _____." God demands some kind of activity from every single one of his children. If we are _____ (Rev 3:16) Jesus will _____ us out of his _____. The cardinal sin of many baptized "Sunday morning church-goers" is the erroneous belief that they are "doing enough." The true child of God possesses the conviction and "pluck" to grit his teeth and do the right things, even though they require sacrifice of assets, energy, and time.
- Boldness** (Prov 28:1) "The _____ flee when no man _____: but the _____ are _____ as a _____." Peter and John "spake the word of God with boldness." Scripture? _____ Paul infers that the very fact that he was incarcerated for the cause of Christ (Phil 1:14) encouraged others to be "much more _____ to _____ the _____ without fear."