



## THE DEFINITION OF VIRTUE

**Virtue is excellence in character and conduct.** This inner character and outer conduct relates to the fruit of the Spirit in all goodness, righteousness, and truth (Eph. 5:9). Virtue is revealed in who we are and what we do and is observable by others.

Virtue is \_\_\_\_\_ the purpose for which something is designed.  
(2 Peter 1:3, 5)

## Finding Our Purpose

Virtue is fulfilling our God-ordained purpose of \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ the excellencies of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 2:9)

Virtue is \_\_\_\_\_ the call to discipleship. (Luke 14:26-33, Mark 10:28-31)

Virtue is \_\_\_\_\_ what Christ is like so they will  
honor Him too. (Matt. 5:16)

## Living Our Purpose

To add virtue to our faith, we must \_\_\_\_\_ the lies  
of worldliness. (Eph. 5:8-10, Rom. 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15-17)

To add virtue to our faith, we must capture our \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ. (John 10:10)

**God wants to save us not only from wrath and judgment but to righteousness!** It is also His desire that we excel in holy character and conduct, not just “get by”. When we stand before Him, it is this excellence that will be more important than any other. For these reasons, we should give all diligence to supplement our faith with virtue!

## PURSUING GOSPEL GROWTH

- What is the difference between How would a “moral” person of the world compare with a man or woman of virtue?
- Can you think of examples (current or in the past) of people who have excelled in physical or mental qualities but failed in virtue?
- If a person shows virtuous conduct on the outside, does that mean they are necessarily virtuous in character? Why?