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Virtue: That right inner disposition that relates to who we are as people, and to our character.

Why? Virtue promotes the enhancement of the human person beyond what has been imposed upon us by societal standards, dominant ideologies, and our own past wounds. Virtue teaches us that we must think, act, and speak based on moral principles, not based on how society or the media tells us to.

They enable us to pursue the ideals we have adopted. Honesty, courage, compassion, generosity, fidelity, integrity, fairness, selfcontrol, and prudence are all examples of virtues. How does a person develop virtues? Virtues are developed through learning and through practice.

Virtues are important because they are the basic qualities necessary for our well being and happiness. By recognizing the importance of virtues, in our lives, it will lead to better communication, understanding and acceptance between us and our fellow man.

V.3 - "His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

V.4 - Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

V.5 - For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness (moral excellence); and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance (patient endurance); and to perseverance, godliness;

V.7 - and to godliness, mutual (brotherly) affection; and to mutual affection, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

V.9 - But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.

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"Do not waste time arguing over godless ideas and old wives' tales (Silly stories dressed up as religion). Instead, train yourself to be godly. "Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:7-8



"Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness". NASB

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"Enoch, walked with God; Then he was no more, because God took him away." Genesis 5:24

"Exercise, train, discipline yourself to have a personal attitude toward God that results in actions that are pleasing to Him." 1 Timothy 4:7

Godliness is <u>devotion</u> in <u>action</u>. It is not just a warm, emotional feeling about God, but an attitude that involves <u>trusting</u> God, <u>loving</u> God, <u>desiring</u> God, <u>serving</u> God.



"The Grace of God teaches to say "no" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." Titus 2:11-13

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"Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ to further the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness." **Titus 1:1**



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2 Peter 1:3

"Know that the Lord has <u>set apart</u> the <u>godly</u> for himself; the Lord will <u>hear</u> when I <u>call</u> to Him." **Psalm 4:3**

"The Lord knows how to <u>rescue</u> the <u>godly</u> from trials and to hold the <u>unrighteous</u> for punishment on the Day of Judgment."

2 Peter 2:9



"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3:12

"No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also." John 15:20

"But Godliness with contentment is great gain." 1 Timothy 6:6

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"Let's be godly because He is God."

