

[NEW BELIEVER'S]

# Bible Study #11

## VIRTUE (PURITY)

As you begin this study, let's memorize Philippians 4:8:

FINALLY, BRETHREN, WHATEVER THINGS ARE TRUE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE NOBLE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE JUST, WHATEVER THINGS ARE PURE, WHATEVER THINGS ARE LOVELY, WHATEVER THINGS ARE OF GOOD REPORT, IF THERE IS ANY VIRTUE AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING PRAISEWORTHY – MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS.

These next studies will deal with Christian character, those qualities and attributes that the Lord desires and requires of us as Christians. These studies are based on 2 Peter 1:5–7:

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

God wants you to live the best life possible. That is why He is changing and shaping you each day to be more like Jesus. When you add virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love to your life, you are growing in your relationship with Jesus Christ and becoming more like Him.

Over 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 is no plateau where you will know all that there is to learn. If there were, you could give God a nudge and say, “Move over, there are two of us now.”

Virtue means “moral goodness, modesty, and purity.” All of us are impure, imperfect, because of sin and its hold over our lives. But God wants to share His purity, His perfection, with us through the gift of His Son Jesus Christ.

In this study you will learn:

- That God is pure and good.
- What a holy life is.
- How we can live a life of purity.

As you answer these study questions, use your own words. Do not simply copy the verses. Remember to pray to ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand what God is trying to teach you.

1. Isaiah 6:3, 1 Samuel 2:2, and Revelation 15:4 reveal an important attribute or characteristic of God. What is it? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is God too pure to do, according to Habakkuk 1:13?  
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3. How does Psalm 12:6 describe the words of the Lord?  
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4. According to 1 Peter 1:22, how do we purify ourselves?  
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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?  
(Psalm 51:10) \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 4:14–15) \_\_\_\_\_

*Create* means “to bring into existence” something new. Only God can create a pure heart.

6. What does God promise those who are pure in heart?  
(Matthew 5:8) \_\_\_\_\_

7. According to 1 Peter 1:15, every Christian is called to  
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The New King James Version’s translation of 1 Peter 1:15 says, “You also be holy in all your conduct.” Conduct means “manner of life.” Our manner of life should be holy.

8. How does God describe those who practice impurity?  
(Ephesians 4:18–19) \_\_\_\_\_

The sinful things we do are “the works of the flesh.”

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

(Galatians 5:19–21) \_\_\_\_\_

It's encouraging to know that we can stop doing the works of the flesh by yielding control of our lives to the Holy Spirit (see Galatians 5:16).

10. The Christian should value his body as a sacred place where God dwells. What does 1 Corinthians 6:19 tell us about our body? \_\_\_\_\_

11. According to the following verses, how can we live a life of purity?

(2 Timothy 2:22) \_\_\_\_\_

(Romans 13:14) \_\_\_\_\_

As our faith in God increases, our lives will become more pure. Then we will want to know more about God's purity and other attributes.

12. Are you living a life that is pure? \_\_\_\_\_

Write out your memory verse below:

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