



## **STUDY 8**

# **VIRTUE (PURITY)**

Congratulations, you've reached the midway point of the START! to Study Bible lessons. 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, 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.

In 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."

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

**"And now, dear brothers and sisters, let me say one more thing as I close this letter. Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (NLT)**

Virtue means moral goodness, modesty, and purity. All of us are impure and 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?** \_\_\_\_\_



3. How does Psalm 12:6 describe the words of the Lord? \_\_\_\_\_  
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God's Word, the Bible, contains nothing that is useless or worthless. John 17:17 tells us that God's Word is truth.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Proverbs 4:14-15 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Create means to bring something new into existence. 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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In 1 Peter 1:15, we read, "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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. According to the following verses, how can we live a life of purity?

2 Timothy 2:22 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Romans 13:14 \_\_\_\_\_  
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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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