

VIRTUES

2 Peter 1:5 “Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence...”

A. The foundation of the Christian life is FAITH

Heb 11:2 For by it (faith) the men of old gained _____

Heb 11:6 Without faith it is _____ to please God

How does one ADD to their faith?

What Hebrews 11 Shows us about

Faith:

1. Faith is _____ (7)
 - Faith is _____ (8)
 - Faith is _____ (24)
 - Faith is _____ (26)
 - Faith is _____ (26)
 - Faith is _____ (27)
2. Faith is _____ (19)

B. The first of the virtues in 2 Peter is MORAL EXCELLENCE

1. Older translations simply called this “Virtue”

2. Moral excellence comes from the Greek word “_____”

This is a rare word in Biblical writing

- It stands for g_____, c_____, u_____, God
_____ even manliness (1 Cor 16:13)

Something that fulfills its intended purpose

Land that produces crops is called excellent because it is fulfilling its purpose

- 1 Pet 2:9 “...the excellencies of Him” - you may proclaim the goodness of God
Mk 5:19; Ps 96:2

- 2 Pet 1:3 “...who called us by His own glory and excellence”

C. This is adding goodness and courage to your character

John 19:38 “After these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but a secret one for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus...”

By doing this, what did Joseph face?

Why was he no longer going to keep his faith secret?

1. How would moral excellence be demonstrated:

Home:

Church:

Community:

2. Why is the woman in Proverbs 31 called virtuous?

In many ways, moral excellence, is faith

_____. It is faith

_____. It is faith in

_____.

Moral excellence is first directed towards God but it is also shown in the way we treat others.