



Building Virtues

Scripture 2 Peter 1:5-8

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. 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.

Sermon Points – see over for chart of sermon points

Small Group Questions:

- 1. Over the last couple weeks or months, who have you observed and thought “that is the kind of person I’d like to be”? What was it that stood out to you?**
- 2. Read 2 Peter 1:8 In those seasons of your life when you’ve been spiritually effective and productive, what were you like? What were you doing that led to the effectiveness and productivity?**
- 3. Read 2 Peter 1:5-7 As you look over the virtues listed, which one or two stand out to you as places where you’ve made progress? Tell us about the steps that got you there.**
- 4. Refer back to the chart from Sunday. What are 2 areas where you can grow? What can you do this week to begin to build these virtues?**
- 5. Pray for one another, for “grace-fueled effort,” and report back next week on how it went.**

Virtue to Pursue	Model to Mirror	Habit to Practice
Goodness	Jesus feeds the 5,000 <i>(Mark 6)</i>	Doing good for others
Knowledge	Wilderness temptations <i>(Matt. 4)</i>	Daily Bible reading
Self-Control	Jesus' arrest <i>(Matt. 26)</i>	What matters most?
Perseverance	Restoring Peter <i>(John 21)</i>	Continue in commitments
Godliness & Brotherly Kindness	Healing the leper <i>(Matt. 8:1-3)</i>	Caring for our neighbor
Love	Cross <i>(Mark 15)</i>	Sacrifice for someone else