

Welcome
Family & Friends

2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

*3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and **excellence**,*

What is Christian virtue?

Vine's Expository Dictionary of NT Words defines virtue as, “intrinsic eminence, moral goodness, virtue.”

2 Peter 1:5
(ESV)

5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge,

The Christian Virtue of Honesty

Matthew 5:37 (ESV) *(37 Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil.)*

Proverbs 6:16 – 19 (ESV)

*16 There are **six things that the LORD hates**, seven that are an **abomination** to him: 17 haughty eyes, a **lying tongue**, and hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, 19 a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.*

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“Honesty is more than not Lying.
It is truth telling, truth speaking,
truth living, and truth loving.”

By James E. Faust

Am I an honest follower
of Jesus Christ?

2 Corinthians 4:2 (ESV)

2 But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

2 Corinthians
8:21 (ESV)

21 for we aim at what is honorable not only in the Lord's sight but also in the sight of man.

James 5:12 (ESV)

12 But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your “yes” be yes and your “no” be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Ephesians
4:25 (ESV)

25 Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.

Ephesians
4:15 (ESV)

15 Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,

Am I honest with myself?

Am I lying to myself about what kind of person I am?

- Am I truly a good son/daughter?
- Am I truly a good husband/wife?
- Am I truly a good father/mother?
- Am I truly a good friend?
- Am I a hard worker?
- Am I a good example to others?

Am I lying to myself about my
spiritual condition?

Mark 10:19 – 22 (ESV)

19 You know the commandments: Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.” 20 And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” 21 And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Matthew
7:22 – 23
(ESV)

22 On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' 23 And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

1 Corinthians 11:28 – 31 (ESV)

28 Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 29 For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. 30 That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. 31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.

Am I honest with God?

Proverbs
12:22 (ESV)

*22 Lying lips are an abomination
to the LORD, but those who act
faithfully are his delight.*

Matthew
10:30 (ESV)

*30 But even the hairs of your head
are all numbered.*

2 Timothy 2:19 (ESV)

19 But God's firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: "The Lord knows those who are his," and, "Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."

1 John 2:3 – 6 (ESV)

3 And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, 5 but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in him: 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.

Can you honestly say you are
a child of God today?