

“Moral Excellence”

2 Peter 1:5–7

1. Sanctification: a work of _____ in which you, as a Believer, _____ with God. (2 Pet. 1:3–5)

A quick review:

Justification — You are _____ righteous and saved from the _____ of sin.

Sanctification — You are _____ righteous and saved from the _____ of sin.

Glorification — You are _____ righteous and saved from the _____ of sin.

2. Pursue _____ excellence, recognizing that _____ is the only standard and source for that morality. (2 Pet. 1:5)

A definition: Moral excellence is the _____ and _____ pursuit of character that reflects God’s _____.

3. Pursue moral excellence by _____ and _____ to God. (Jn. 15:5; 1 Jn. 1:8–10)



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Discussion Questions

1. Who is it that normally decides what is moral and what is immoral in a society? What are those moral standards normally based on?
2. Why do you think the abandonment of absolute truth and absolute morality is so popular in the Western world? What do you see as some of the consequences of this abandonment of absolute standards?
3. Look over your sermon notes and share your thoughts about each of the points made in the sermon.
4. Someone has well described moral excellence as the active and intentional pursuit of character that reflects God’s holiness. Given this definition, can a non-Christian pursue moral excellence? Explain your answer.
5. What do the following Scriptures teach about how to pursue moral excellence?

*Rom. 12:1,2	*Phil. 4:8,9
*Gal. 5:22,23	*Col. 3:12,13
*Eph. 5:15–18	*2 Tim. 3:16,17
*Phil. 2:3–5	*James 5:16
6. What do you think is the biggest obstacle in the Christian’s life that keeps him/her from pursuing moral excellence?
7. What is your main “take home” lesson from this sermon?