

Character Matters: Nine Virtues of Those Who Belong to Jesus

Joy: The Happiness of Knowing Jesus

Galatians 5:22

The Lord's Day Morning

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A Word to Adults Responsible for the Character Formation of Children

Character refers to the moral traits that mark or “imprint” a person. Christian character is formed by the Holy Spirit through Biblical instruction and providential testing. A person of good character develops a reputation for displaying virtue (conformity to the ethical principles of Scripture) regardless of circumstances. The “fruit of the Spirit” are nine key virtues that will be prominent in the life of one who belongs to Jesus and sets him or her apart from the world. But remember that:

1. True virtue is defined by God's Word, not our feelings (relativism).
2. True virtue is the effect of salvation, not the cause (moralism).
3. True virtue gives glory to God, not to ourselves (me-ism).

How to Experience Joy

1. In good times, enjoy God's _____.
2. In bad times, trust God's _____.
3. In all times, obey God's command to _____, _____, and _____.

_____ : Show up on Sunday to learn and sing truth about God.

_____ : Grow up in a small group of friends who care for you.

_____ : Step up and help others know, love, obey and exalt Jesus.