



The Lord's Day Morning — January 12, 2025

“Seek First the King and His Holy Character”

2 Peter 1:2–7, 1 Corinthians 6:9–11, Romans 8:29

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1. These are hard times for virtue

2. Apostles Peter and Paul call believers to godly virtue
 - To imitate God is the essence of virtue
 - Greeks, Romans and secular people today define virtue differently

3. God's law teaches disciples to be like Him
 - Godly character uproots the deadly sins
 - Jesus' life is the heart of virtue

4. Godly character is the starting point for every aspect of a blessed life
 - Marriage, parenthood, friendship, and work

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. Do you know any “virtue skeptics”? How do they think and live? Among the several ways to doubt the possibility of virtue, which could discourage you in your desire for godly virtue?
2. Drawing on this chapter and other studies, describe several of the Lord’s virtues. Which do you admire and imitate the most? The least?
3. Of the seven deadly sins, which is most likely to tempt you? Which of the countervailing virtues do you most desire?
4. Think of concrete steps you can take to imitate the Lord as a friend. As a worker. As a spouse.
5. Spend some time listing the resources the Lord has provided for His people as they hope to become more like Him, in His comprehensive goodness or virtue.