

Christian Characteristics

Moral Excellence

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1. Define Moral Excellence

"Moral Excellence" refers to striving for high ethical standards and righteousness, reflecting God's character in one's life.

It involves consistently living a virtuous life, characterized by virtues like love, joy, peace, and self-control.

"Moral Excellence" encompasses strength, energy and a courageous tone of mind.

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KJV – **virtue**

Comp English Version – **goodness**

NIV – **goodness**

Lexham Syntactic Greek NT – *apetnv*
translates to **excellence of character**

Interlinear NT (Greek) – *apetnv* translates to
virtue

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Key aspects of moral excellence:

Virtue:

Moral excellence is often seen as synonymous with virtue, which is a character trait that is considered good or desirable.

High ethical standards:

It involves consistently behaving in ways that are aligned with moral principles and values.

Righteousness:

Moral excellence is also connected to righteousness, which is the quality of being morally right or just.

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Reflection of God's character:

In some contexts, moral excellence is viewed as a reflection of God's character and a standard to which believers are called to aspire.

Integrity and honesty:

These are key components of moral excellence, as they involve being true to oneself and others, and acting with integrity.

Good moral character:

It represents an ideal state of a person's beliefs and values that are considered most beneficial to society.

2. Share two verses in the Bible concerning “Moral Excellence” and explain the verses.

Col. 3:8-10

8 But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, *and* abusive speech from your mouth.

9 Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,

10 and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him—

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Phil. 2:15

15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world,

3. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Moral Excellence” in the Old Testament.

Mordecai is known as a man of moral excellence or moral goodness. When his cousin, Esther, was orphaned, Mordecai adopted her and raised Esther as if she were his own daughter.

Mordecai discovered a plot by two of the king’s servants to assassinate the king. Because of Mordecai’s vigilance, the plot was terminated.

Mordecai also exposed Haman’s plot to kill all the Jews in the Persian Empire. When Mordecai communicated this scheme to Queen Esther, the scheme was reversed, and the Jews were spared death.

Mordecai’s moral excellence was rewarded as he was made the king’s chief advisor.

4. Provide an example of someone who exhibited “Moral Excellence” in the New Testament.

The apostle Paul exemplifies moral excellence through his unwavering commitment to Christ, his teachings on Christian virtues and his example of living a life dedicated to God.

His letters consistently emphasize the importance of moral behavior, including love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Moral Excellence”?

To develop a Christ-like attitude and achieve **moral excellence**, focus on cultivating humility, selfless love, compassion and mirroring Jesus' actions and teachings.

This involves prioritizing others, serving with a humble heart and demonstrating forgiveness and understanding.

5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Moral Excellence”?

Key aspects of a Christ-like attitude and moral excellence:

Humility: Be humble, valuing others above yourself and avoiding selfish ambition.

Selfless Love: Love others as yourself, demonstrating compassion and concern for their well-being.

Service: Serve others, prioritizing their needs and demonstrating a willingness to help.

5. How do Christians reflect a Christ-Like attitude through “Moral Excellence”?

Key aspects of a Christ-like attitude and moral excellence:

Forgiveness: Forgive others, just as Jesus forgave us, and demonstrate understanding and compassion.

Compassion: Feel and act with deep compassion for those in need, especially the vulnerable.

Integrity: Live with honesty in your words and actions.

6. How do you grow in “**Moral Excellence**” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “**Moral Excellence**” to others?

To grow in “**Moral Excellence**” focus on aligning your actions with your beliefs through consistent effort and seeking spiritual growth.

This involves diligently studying scripture and practicing the following virtues:

Kindness

Honesty

Striving for **self-control**

Godliness

6. How do you grow in “Moral Excellence” and seek opportunities to demonstrate “Moral Excellence” to others?

Demonstrate “Moral Excellence” to others by:

A. Developing a Strong Moral Compass

B. Seek Knowledge and Discernment

C. Act with Integrity and Courage

D. Cultivate Virtuous Habits