

Virtues *as found in II Peter 1*



Words to Find:
 charity
 faith
 godliness
 kindness
 knowledge
 patience
 temperance

“I Won’t Marry A Corpse.”

Walter Knight

A fellow, trying to tell his sweetheart how much he loved her, exclaimed, “Why, I would die for you!”

Promptly the sensible girl replied, “It’s off! I don’t want to marry a corpse! I want someone living with me!”

The Lord Jesus does not often

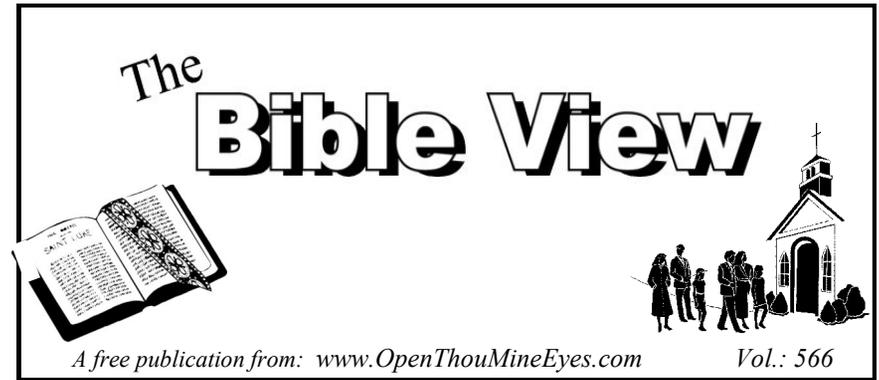
ask us to die for Him. He asks that we live for Him.

“*And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*” II Cor. 5:15

There is not a greater lack among God’s children than simple faithfulness, unwearied, continuance in well doing and a day-by-day living for Him and others!

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“I Have ...”

Bill Brinkworth

King David certainly was not a perfect man. He sinned; he made mistakes, but he loved God with all his heart and purposed to live for and please Him. In Psalm 26, we read of six “I have’s”



that the King of Israel purposed to do with his life because of his loyalty to the Lord and His principles. They are:

1. “*Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity: ...*” Psalm 26:1a
 The leader knew that his faith was not just a one-day a week exhibition, but that an attempt at doing right must be “genuine, pure, and consistent.” So much so did David know that his consistent character would be pleasing to the Lord, that he asked the Lord to “*Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart*” (Psalm 26:2).

2. “*... I have trusted also in the LORD; therefore I shall not slide.*” Psalm 26:1b
 King David believed and obeyed what the Lord showed him to do. He knew his obedience would keep him from backsliding away from the Lord.

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“Mother, You Haven’t Lived That Life!”

Walter Knight

Dr. Philpot was called to the bedside of a dying girl. In life, she had lived for the sinful things of the Christ-rejecting world. The faithful minister did his best to cause her to see her need of the Saviour; pleading, praying, and quoting God’s Word to her. Seemingly, he could make no impression on the dying girl.

As a final effort, he called in her mother. The mother, with heart-breaking sorrow, also pled with the girl to accept Christ as her Saviour. The girl listened stonily, and then she said these

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3. *“For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.” Psalm 26:3*

David also obeyed the truths from the Scriptures.

4. *“I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.” Psalm 26:4*

To keep his testimony clean and pure, the king was very careful with whom he kept company. He knew that associations with certain people reflected what others thought of him.

To keep his character from being tainted, he kept away from people that were “worthless, fruitless, proud, showy, deceitful” (vain persons) and those that were hypocritical (dissemblers). He knew what people thought of him reflected on his testimony for the Lord.

5. *“I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.” Psalm 26:5*

David had a tremendous disdain for sin, and kept as far away from it as he could. His attitude certainly did not show any toleration of sin.



“I would not give much for your religion, unless it can be seen. Lamps do not talk, but they are supposed to shine.”

“Our history is a better guide than our good intentions.”

6. *“LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.” Psalm 26:8*

The king may have hated the things God hates, but he loved the things God loved, especially the House of the Lord. He liked being around the people of God and places that honored Him.

David was a man after God’s own heart (Acts 13:22). Oh, if we would purpose with all our heart and actions to have such a testimony and desires as did the great king.

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indicting words to her mother, “Mother, you can’t talk to me now. You haven’t lived that life before me!” Ah, how great will be our accountability before God if we, by low, lustful living cause others to stumble into Hell because of our testimony.

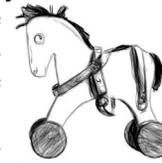
Imitators of Christ

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“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;”

Ephesians 5:1

Imitate God, not as slaves might imitate their master unwillingly, dreading the crack of his whip; but loving, willing imitators, such as children are. You do not urge your children to imitate you, but they do so even in their games. See how the boy rides his wooden horse as does his father; and the girl imitates



her mother, who takes care of her. You see the minister’s little boy trying to preach like his father; and you all see the tiny girl with a Bible in front of her and an ancient pair of spectacles upon her nose, saying, “Now I’m grandmamma.” They copy us naturally. They cannot help it.

Such will be the holiness of the genuine Christian. He is born from above, and hence, he lives above. His imitation of God springs out of his relationship to God. Holiness must be spontaneous, or it is spurious. We cannot be driven to holiness like a mule to his plowing. We must delight in the law of God after the inward man.

Be imitators because you do not wish for anything better than to be like your Father. Have no ambition in the world except for the aspiration to be holy, even as God is holy.

Orthopraxy

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Orthopraxy is “the belief that right action is as important as religious faith.” It defines a life that is living straight. Orthodoxy is thinking straight.

The two do not coincide at all times. Some think straight, but do not live straight. Others live straight, but do not think straight. Because these generalizations are true, some declare that it does not matter about one’s doctrine if his conduct conforms to the standards of “right.” But, why the emphasis upon one to the neglect of the other? Why not insist upon both at the same time — correct thinking and correct living? Why the folly of substituting the one for the other?

According to You

Author Unknown

*We are living a gospel
A chapter each day,
By deed that we do,
By word that we say;
Men read what we live,
Whether faithless or true.
Say! What is the Gospel
According to you?*

“A brief, expressive eulogy was pronounced by Martin Luther upon pastor Nicholas Haussmann in 1522. It was, ‘What we preach, he lived!’”