

THE 7 STEPS THAT LEAD TO HEAVEN

Let's read 2 Peter 1:5-11

What should our basic attitude be toward those 7 qualities? **Diligence!**

What is the foundation for Christian maturity? **Faith.**

We place our faith in Jesus Christ, and we hand our lives over to Him. We start to trust Him with our souls, and we believe what the Bible says, even though we were not there in person, but because of the evidence that we have heard and seen. That's when our main goal in life becomes to please Jesus as our Saviour.

How was Jesus a Man of faith? He perfectly obeyed the Father! To have seen Him was to have seen the Father in heaven. So we enter into the body of Jesus Christ by means of faith, and faith therefore is the foundation of growth as a Christian. Let's start taking the 7 steps of this staircase that leads us to the heavens.

1 – Moral excellence (other translations: virtue)

Virtue is the determination to do what is right. We must make that promise that whatever it takes, we will do what is right.

This word is not used but a few times in Scripture, but it has an interesting background.

In Classical times, it meant 'that quality given by the gods which enabled mere mortal men to perform heroic deeds.' It came to mean the quality in a person's life which made them stand out as excellent. It is a term of moral heroism, moral courage and moral excellence.

We understand that morality is the definition of what is right and wrong. Virtue is the courageous and heroic decision to always do what is right. It is both to keep one's self pure from wickedness and depravity and to perform acts of righteousness.

Just meditate upon the characters cited in Hebrews 11 and you will understand what we are saying here perfectly!

The study continues **every Wednesday at 7.30pm** (also at 7am, 10am, 3pm)

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