

VIRTUOUS

FAITH



2 Peter 1:5

DEFINING VIRTUE

- This word shows up only a few times in the New Testament (1 Pet. 2:9; 2 Pet. 1:3, 5; Phil. 4:8).
- The New Testament usages echo Isaiah (Isa. 42:12; 43:21; 63:7).
- It carries the idea of “full realization” of function or purpose (2 Mac. 15:17).



SUPPLYING VIRTUE

- We are adding excellence to our faith (2 Pet. 1:5).
- This diligence is required to realize our hope (Heb. 6:11-12).
- What are you willing to do to pursue excellence in your faith (1 Cor. 9:27)?



TRAINED SENSES

- What does excellence in faith look like (cf. Heb. 5:12-6:2)?
- We can learn from the effort people put into other pursuits (1 Cor. 9:24-27).
- Arriving at a degree of excellence only means you can more clearly see room for improvement (Heb. 12:1).

