**R1010 Rumination for June 2, 2024**

The **T**heme:**The Values of Virtue.** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true…if there be any* ***virtue****…think on these things.* Phil.4:8

 *And beside this, giving all diligence, ﻿add to your faith* ***virtue****; and to* ***virtue*** *﻿knowledge…*  II Pet. 1:5

The **T**hots:

Intro.: What is ***Virtue***? - *Behaviour showing high moral standards.* Oxford Dictionary.

 How can we be **V**irtuous?

1. **W**alk Loving**ly** in relation to the **Father** – ﻿*Be ye…followers of God, as dear children*. **Eph. 5:1**
2. Walk as Children of **L**ove – *walk worthy of the ﻿vocation wherewith ye are called,*

*﻿﻿With all lowliness and ﻿meekness, ﻿﻿with longsuffering, ﻿forbearing one another in* ***love***. 4:1, 2

1. Walk as Children of **L**ight. 5:8

*For ﻿ye were ﻿sometimes darkness, but ﻿now are ye light in the Lord: ﻿walk as ﻿children of* ***light****.*

1. Walk as Children of **L**ife – *that like as ﻿Christ was raised up from the dead by ﻿the glory of the Father,*

*even so ﻿we also should walk in newness of life.* Rom. 6:4

1. **W**alk **W**orthi**ly** in relation to the **Son.** It is…?
2. Our **H**igh Calling – *Press ﻿toward the mark for ﻿the prize of ﻿the* ***high calling*** *of God in Christ Jesus.* Phil. 3:14
3. Our **H**oly Calling – *Who hath saved us, and ﻿called us with ﻿an* ***holy calling****…in Christ Jesus*… II Tim. 1:9
4. Our **H**eavenly **C**alling – *Wherefore, ﻿holy brethren, partakers of ﻿the* ***heavenly ﻿calling****,*

***C****onsider ﻿the Apostle and ﻿High Priest of our ﻿profession, Christ Jesus* Heb. 3:1

1. **W**alk **W**ise**ly** in relation to the **Spirit** –

*See then that ﻿ye walk ﻿circumspectly, not as fools, but ﻿****as wise****…* Eph. 5:15

*Endeavouring to keep* ***the unity of the Spirit*** *in ﻿the bond of peace.*

*There is ﻿one body, and ﻿****one Spirit****, even as ﻿ye are called in one ﻿hope of your calling…*

1. Not as the **L**ascivious Man. Eph. 4:19-21

*Who… have given themselves over unto ﻿lasciviousness, to work all ﻿uncleanness with greediness.*

1. Not as the **L**ustful Man. 4:22-23

*That ye ﻿put off ﻿concerning the former ﻿conversation ﻿the old man, ﻿which is corrupt*

*according to ﻿the deceitful lusts;*

1. Instead, Put on the **N**ew Man with his new **L**ife in you. 4:24

*And that ye put on ﻿the new man, which ﻿after God ﻿is created in ﻿righteousness and ﻿true ﻿holiness.*

* *Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity. ﻿Peace be with you all that are in Christ Jesus.* I Pet. 5:14

Consider the Virtuous Woman… *For her price is far above rubies.* Pro. 3:15

 *A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband:* Pro. 12:4

 *Who can find ﻿a virtuous woman?* Pro. 31:10

**Let us be Virtuous…**

1. **In Relation to our Worthiness.** Eph. 4:25
2. The **C**ommand – *Wherefore ﻿putting away lying…*
3. The **C**ommendation – *speak every man truth with his neighbour:*

Cf. *These are the things that ye shall do; ﻿Speak ye every man the truth to his neighbour; ﻿*

*execute the judgment of ﻿truth and ﻿peace ﻿in your gates:* Cf. Zech. 8:16

1. The **C**ommitment – *for we are members one of another*
2. **In Relation to our Wrath.** Eph. 4:26, 27
3. The **A**dvice – *Be ye angry and sin not.* 4:26a
4. The **A**ppeal – *let not ﻿the sun go down upon your wrath* 4:26b
5. The **A**pproval – *Neither give place to the devil.* 4:27
6. **In Relation to our Works.** Eph. 4:28
7. The **R**equest – *Let him that stole steal no more:* 4:28a
8. The **R**ecommendation – *working with his hands the thing which is good* 4:28b
9. The **R**esponsibility – *but rather let him labour, that he may have to give to him that needeth.* 4:28c
10. **In Relation to our Words.** Eph. 4:29
11. The **C**ommunication – *Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth* 4:29a
12. The **C**ommendation – *but that which is good to the use of edifying,* 4:29b
13. The **C**onsideration – *that it may minister grace unto the hearers.* 4:29c

**E. In Relation to our Worship.** **I Tim. 2:8**

1. The **P**laces to Worship – *I will therefore that men pray every where*,
2. The **P**osture of Worship – *lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.*
3. The **P**urity of Worship – *He who has clean hands and a pure heart,*

 *who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully*. Psa. 24:4

1. The **P**erson to Worship – John 4:23–24

*But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father*

*in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. …*

The **C**onclusion – *And ﻿﻿grieve not ﻿﻿the holy Spirit of God, ﻿whereby ye are sealed unto the day of ﻿redemption.* 4:30

**Points To Ponder:** ***What do you Reckon are your Values to lead a Virtuous Life?***