

Moral Training List

The following list of virtues can be used to help the moral training of your children. This list is from a memory verse program used by Pastor Harris. The verses point out specific moral virtues that should be taken to heart by the parent and taught to the child(ren) (Deut. 6:6-7). Memorization is very helpful to instill these truths into the heart (Psalm 119:9-11). Two verses are printed out with additional verses listed on the same subject for further training on that topic. The subjects are grouped, but are not in any particular order of importance. Younger children can be taught a simplified version of a verse while older children can be challenged to memorize additional verses. One way to help implement learning these virtues is to post a Verse of the Day or Verse of the Week and work on memorization as a family. Be pro-active in instilling moral virtues into your children. (Verses are from the NASB as an example, but you can easily reproduce this list in other translations).

LOVE OF GOD

Deuteronomy 6:5, *"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*

1 John 4:19, *"We love, because He first loved us."*

John 14:21; 1 John 3:16; Romans 5:8

Love of Others

Matthew 22:39, *"The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"*

John 13:34, *"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."*

James 2:8; Romans 13:10; Matthew 5:43-44; 1 John 3:18

HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5-6, ⁵ *"You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. ⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,"*

Philippians 2:3, *"Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;"*

James 4:10; 1 Peter 3:8-9; Colossians 3:12

PRIDE

Proverbs 16:18, *"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before stumbling."*

Proverbs 8:13, *"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, And the perverted mouth, I hate"*

James 4:6; Galatians 6:14; Proverbs 16:5

ANGER

James 1:19-20, ¹⁹ *"This you know, my beloved brethren. But let everyone be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God"*

Ephesians 4:31; *"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice."*

Ephesians 4:26; Proverbs 29:22; Hebrews 12:15; Ecclesiastes 7:9

HATRED

Proverbs 10:12, *"Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all transgressions"*

1 John 3:15, *"Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."*

Galatians 5:15; 1 John 2:9-11; Leviticus 19:17

SELF-CONTROL

1 Corinthians 9:25, *"Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable."*

Galatians 5:22-23, *"²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law."*

Proverbs 16:32; 25:28; 1 Peter 1:5-7

Obedience

Ephesians 6:1, *"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right."*

John 14:23, *"Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him.'"*

1 John 5:3; Ephesians 6:5-6; 1 Peter 1:14

Respect / Honor

Exodus 20:12, *"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you."*

Leviticus 19:32, *"You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD."*

Romans 12:10; 13:7

Disobedience / Rebellion

Titus 1:16, *"They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient, and worthless for any good deed"*

Ephesians 5:6, *"Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience."*

Hebrews 4:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9; 1 Samuel 15:23

TEMPTATION

1 Corinthians 10:13, *"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, that you may be able to endure it."*

Romans 13:14, *"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."*

James 1:13-14; Hebrews 2:18; Romans 6:13

Thought Life

Philippians 4:8, *"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things."*

Psalms 19:14, *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer."*

Psalms 119:9-11; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Isaiah 26:3

IMMATURITY

1 Corinthians 14:20, *"Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature."*

Ephesians 4:14-15, *"¹⁴ As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him, who is the head, even Christ,"*

1 Peter 2:2; Hebrews 5:12; 1 Corinthians 3:1-2

HYPOCRISY

1 John 3:18, *"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."*

1 Peter 2:1, *"Therefore, putting aside all malice and all guile and hypocrisy and envy and all slander,"*

Mark 7:6; Matthew 23:28; Matthew 6:5

THE TONGUE

Ephesians 4:29, *"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, that it may give grace to those who hear"*

Colossians 3:8, *"But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth."*

James 3:2; Colossians 4:6; Matthew 12:26-27

LYING

Proverbs 12:22, *"Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal faithfully are His delight."*

Colossians 3:9, *"Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,"*

Proverbs 19:9; Ephesians 4:23-25; John 8:44; Revelation 21:8

GOSSIP

Proverbs 26:20, *"For lack of wood the fire goes out, And where there is no whisperer, contention quiets down"*

Proverbs 20:19, *"He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets, Therefore do not associate with a gossip"*

Proverbs 18:8; Proverbs 25:9-10; Romans 1:28-29

Grumbling, Complaining

Philippians 2:14. *"Do all things without grumbling or disputing"*

James 5:9, *"Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door."*

Numbers 11:1; 1 Corinthians 10:10-11; Jude 1:16

DISCOURAGEMENT

Galatians 6:9, *"And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we shall reap if we do not grow weary."*

Hebrews 12:3, *"For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart."*

2 Corinthians 4:8-10; Joshua 1:9; Proverbs 13:12

APATHY / INDIFFERENCE

Colossians 3:23-24; *“Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.”*

Philippians 3:13-14, *“¹³ Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”*

Matthew 24:12; Philippians 1:27; Revelation 3:15

Patience / Impatience

1 Thessalonians 5:14; *“And we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men.”*

James 1:2-4, *“² Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, ³ knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴ And let endurance have its perfect result, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.”*

Romans 5:3; James 5:7-8; 1 Peter 2:20

FEAR

Psalms 27:1, *“The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life; Whom shall I dread?”*

Isaiah 41:10, *“Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”*

Psalms 118:6; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18; Matthew 10:28; Romans 8:31-39

PEER PRESSURE

Proverbs 13:20, *“He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will suffer harm.”*

Psalms 1:1-2, *“¹ How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!² But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night”*

1 Corinthians 15:33; Proverbs 22:24-25; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

MATERIALISM

Matthew 6:19-21, *“²¹ Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; ²¹ for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”*

Proverbs 23:4-5, *“⁴ Do not weary yourself to gain wealth, Cease from your consideration of it. ⁵ When you set your eyes on it, it is gone. For wealth certainly makes itself wings, Like an eagle that flies toward the heavens.”*

Hebrews 13:5; 1 Timothy 6:10; Ecclesiastes 5:10

CHEATING / STEALING

Leviticus 19:11, *“You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another”*

Ephesians 4:28, *“Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need.”*

Proverbs 13:5; Proverbs 20:17; Proverbs 9:16-18

COVETING

Luke 12:15, *"And He said to them, 'Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions.'"*

Hebrews 13:5, *"Let your character be free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, 'I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,'"*

Exodus 20:17; Ephesians 5:5; Proverbs 21:25-26

WORDLINESS

1 John 2:15-17. *"¹⁵ Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and also its lusts; but the one who does the will of God abides forever."*

Romans 12:1-2, *"¹ I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*

1 Peter 1:14-16; Jude 1:18-19; Titus 2:11-12

ENTERTAINMENT

Psalms 101:3, *"I will set no worthless thing before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not fasten its grip on me."*

Ephesians 5:15-16, *"¹⁵ Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of your time, because the days are evil."*

Proverbs 14:9; 1 Peter 1:13-15; Isaiah 33:15-16

ALCOHOL

Proverbs 20:1, *"Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler, And whoever is intoxicated by it is not wise."*

Ephesians 5:18, *"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit"*

Proverbs 31:4-7; Romans 13:13; Proverbs 23:29-32

GLUTTONY

Proverbs 23:20-21, *"²⁰ Do not be with heavy drinkers of wine, Or with gluttonous eaters of meat; ²¹ For the heavy drinker and the glutton will come to poverty, And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags."*

1 Corinthians 9:27, *"but I buffet my body and make it my slave, lest possibly, after I have preached to others, I myself should be disqualified."*

Philippians 3:18-19; Deuteronomy 21:20-21, 1 Corinthians 10:31

SEXUAL PURITY

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4, *"³ For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that is, that you abstain from sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor,"*

Ephesians 5:3-4, *"³ But do not let immorality or any impurity or greed even be named among you, as is proper among saints; ⁴ and there must be no filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks."*

Matthew 5:27-28; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

LAZINESS

2 Thessalonians 3:10, *“For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone will not work, neither let him eat.”*

Proverbs 6:9-11, *“⁹ How long will you lie down, O sluggard? When will you arise from your sleep?
¹⁰ A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to rest ¹¹ And your poverty will come in like a vagabond, And your need like an armed man.”*

Proverbs 6:6-8; Proverbs 20:4; Proverbs 19:15

JEALOUSY

Proverbs 6:34, *“For jealousy enrages a man, And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.”*

1 Corinthians 3:3, *“for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?”*

Proverbs 27:4; Galatians 5:26; James 3:14-16

FIGHTING

James 4:1, *“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?”*

Proverbs 15:18, *“A hot-tempered man stirs up strife, But the slow to anger pacifies contention.”*

2 Timothy 2:24; Titus 3:2; Proverbs 25:24

VENGEANCE

Romans 12:19, *Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.*

Matthew 7:12 *“In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”*

Nahum 1:2; Leviticus 19:18; Proverbs 24:17-18

FORGIVENESS

Ephesians 4:31–32, *“³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. ³² Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”*

1 John 1:9, *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

Matthew 18:21-25; Mark 11:25-26; Colossians 3:12-14; Ephesians 1:7

BIBLE STUDY

Psalms 119:9-11, *“How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Thy word. ¹⁰ With all my heart I have sought Thee; Do not let me wander from Thy commandments. ¹¹ Thy word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against Thee.”*

2 Timothy 3:16-17, *“¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.”*

John 17:17; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Peter 1:22-23

SALVATION

Romans 10:9-10, *“that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved; ¹⁰ for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.”*

John 5:12-13,¹² *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,"*¹³ *who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*
John 5:24; 1 John 5:11-12; John 3:16

SALVATION - PURPOSE

Ephesians 1:4, *"just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before Him."*
Ephesians 2:10, *"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."*
Romans 8:29; Titus 2:11

WITNESSING

Matthew 28:18-20,¹⁸ *"And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age. "*
2 Corinthians 5:20, *"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."*
1 Peter 3:15; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16

PRAYER

Philippians 4:6-7,⁶ *"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*
Hebrews 4:15-16, *"For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need."*
1 John 5:14-15, 1 Peter 5:6-7; 1 Timothy 2:8

CONFESSION

1 John 1:9, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*
Psalm 66:17-20, *"¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸ If I regard wickedness in my heart, The Lord will not hear; ¹⁹ But certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed be God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His lovingkindness from me."*
James 5:16; Romans 10:9-10

SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

Galatians 5:16-17,¹⁶ *"But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please."*
Galatians 5:22-24, *"²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires."*
Ephesians 5:18; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 2:14-15

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

James 4:7, *“Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*

Ephesians 6:10-11, *“¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.”*

1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:14-17, Ephesians 4:26-27