

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:9 and 2 Peter 1:1-11  
Topic: Spiritual Growth in the Church  
Study: The Church is a field: Guide to Maturity  
First Corinthians  
Week 4 of 8  
Series 7

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## The Eight Spiritual *Values* of Highly Effective Christians “Virtue”

### INTRODUCTION

1. Just for today \_\_\_\_\_

2. Just for today \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Just for today \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Text: 2 Peter 1:1-11**

Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the **righteousness** of our God and Savior Jesus Christ: 2 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, 3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. Fruitful Growth in the Faith 5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore, brethren, be

Going the extra mile. Let us make every effort, to go out of our comfort zone, to do whatever is necessary, to add virtue to our faith. The idea of “virtue,” “goodness” or “integrity,” in our passage is far more than choosing to do “right” instead of “wrong.” It really deals with choosing what is “best” as opposed to just “good.” Remember, “good” is the enemy of “best.” To be truly “good” is to be “excellent.”

Each day this week take time to confess the “Just for today” principle. Expect God to supply or add His divine nature to your spiritual account (2 Pet.1:11). Make notes of revelation received.

DAY 1 (Monday): **Just for today I will**.....  
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DAY 2 (Tuesday): **Just for today I will**.....  
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DAY 3 (Wed): **Just for today I will**.....  
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DAY 4 (Thurs): **Just for today I will**.....  
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DAY 5 (Friday): **Just for today I will**.....  
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DAY 6 (Sat): **Just for today I will**.....  
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DAY 7 (Sunday): **Just for today I will**.....  
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