

Unchristian Vices

Abusing oneself with mankind, sodomy	Jesting, coarse jokes
Adultery	Judging, condemning
Anger	Leaving nature, homosexuality
Being ashamed of one's testimony	Loving money, avarice
Babbling	Lust, toward men or women
Bitterness	Lying
Blasphemy	Malice
Boasting	Murmuring, grumbling
Brawling	Being a novice
Being a busybody, meddling	Offending
Childishness, immaturity	Partiality, playing favorites
Clamoring, shouting	Provoking, irritating
Conceit	Being puffed up, conceit
Concupiscence, lust, envy	Purloining, embezzling
Conformity to the world	Rendering evil for evil
Contention, discord	Respecter of persons, unfairness
Covetousness	Reviling, abusing
Craftiness, trickery	Self-seeking
Deceit	Self-will, stubbornness, arrogance
Defrauding, taking advantage	Shaken in mind, wavering
Despising, disdain, contempt	Sin
Dishonesty, shamefulness	Slander
Disputing, arguing	Slothfulness, laziness
Double-tonguedness, insincerity	Spot, blemish
Doubt	Strife, ambition, quarreling
Drunkardness	Striking, fighting
Easy provocation, irritability	Superfluity of naughtiness, wickedness
Being effeminate, transsexual	Swearing, issuing oaths
Envy, jealousy	Tattling, gossip
Evil doing or speaking	Terror, intimidation
Extortion, robbery, plundering	Theft, stealing
Being faint, slacking	Being troubled or disturbed
False accusing, slander	Uncleanness, impurity
Filthiness, indecency	Ungodliness, impiety
Foolish questions	Unrighteousness, injustice
Foolish or silly talk	Unseemly behavior, disgrace, indecency
Fornication, prostitution	Being unwise, foolishness, ignorance
Genealogical boasting	Vainglory, empty conceit
Greed	Vanity, emptiness, frustration
Grudging, complaining	Vaunting, boasting, bragging
Guile, cunning	Wavering, indecision
High-mindedness, pride, haughtiness	Weakness
Hypocrisy	Whoremongering, fornication
Idleness	Being given to wine
Idolatry	Wrath, anger, rage
Inordinate affection, passion	

Christian Virtues and Unchristian Vices

Explanation

One may glean from the writings of the New Testament references to dozens of virtues and vices. Chart 12-14, on the one hand, offers a simple listing of the numerous virtues expected of a true Christian. The list is long, and without the blessings of the Spirit of God no person can acquire all these many traits of righteousness. But with the help of God, lives can be transformed and these attributes of divine nature can be enjoyed by the Saints. Consulting and reviewing this list will help the meek and humble followers of Christ to grow in goodness and godliness.

Chart 12-15, on the other hand, tabulates the many vices that Christians are warned and counseled to shun. Lists of virtues and vices are often found in scripture (as in the Ten Commandments), as well as in the moralistic writings of the Hellenistic age. In the New Testament, one famous list of eight divine virtues is found in 2 Peter 1:5–7, and a trenchant list of ten wicked vices is given in 1 Corinthians 6:9–10. Charts 12-14 and 12-15 combine to produce a comprehensive profile of what it means to be a true Christian in terms of human ethics and moral behavior.

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