

Building a Culture With Our Shaping Virtues

Why Do We Have These Virtues?

1. Humility (Isaiah 66:2, Eph. 2:9)

[3] Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. [4] Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. (Philippians 2:3-4)

2. Joy (Psalm 16:11, Phil. 4:4, 1 Cor. 4:17)

[10] And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. [11] For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:10-11)

3. Gratitude (Psalm 86:12, 1 Thess. 1:2)

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:17)

4. Encouragement (Rom 15:5, 1 Thess. 5:11)

[24] And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, [25] not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

5. Generosity (James 1:17, John 3:16, 2 Cor. 9:7)

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

6. Servanthood (2 Cor. 4:5, 1 Peter 4:10)

[43] But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, [44] and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. [45] For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:43-45)

7. Godliness (Heb. 12:14, James 1:22)

[12] Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, [13] bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. (Colossians 3:2-13)

10 Ways to Build Your Church Culture With Our Shaping Virtues

- I. Model these virtues for your church**
- II. Identify weakness in your elder team and address**
- III. Incorporate into new members curriculum**
- IV. Celebrate when you see it - encourage and affirm grace**
- V. Be vigilant in protecting your church culture**
- VI. Press down into small groups**
- VII. Incorporate into your evangelistic strategies**
- VIII. Preach a sermon series**
- IX. Use as a sermon application grid**
- X. Consistent communication about the virtues**