

- 2 Peter 1:5-7, Amos 3:10

When a person chokes or drowns and stops breathing, there is nothing he can do. If he ever breathes again it will be because someone else starts him breathing. A person who is spiritually dead cannot even make a decision of faith unless God first breathes into him the breath of spiritual life. ~John MacArthur

- *Virtue is doing the right thing when no one is looking and regardless of the outcome.*
- *99.9% of the time, the problem is not knowing what is right; it is doing what is right!*

EXCUSES FOR NOT ADDING VIRTUE TO MY FAITH.

1. It is too hard in my _____.

- Lamentations 2:20-21

2 It is too hard at my _____.

- Deuteronomy 6:5-10

➤ *Age and retirement may change our day to day routine but it is not an excuse for not having or not adding virtue.*



3. It is not a _____.

Little choices determine habit; Habit carves and molds character, which makes the big decisions. ~Elizabeth George

Virtue is what happens when someone has made a thousand small choices requiring effort and concentration to do something which is good and right, but which doesn't come naturally. And then, on the thousand and first time, when it really matters, they find that they do what's required automatically. Virtue is what happens when wise and courageous choices become second nature. ~N.T. Wright

➤ *Small choices will add virtue or undermine virtue; it all depends on which choice I make.*

- Matthew 26:35, Mark 14:66-68

4. I want to _____ not _____.

➤ *Do we blend in, or do we stand out for God?*

Do I have faith?

Am I adding virtue to my faith?

Am I doing the bare minimum or adding it

_____?

