



Name: _____ Date: _____

Words to know:

inclination (*a natural tendency or disposition*)

OBJECTIONS TO THE CONNECTION OF THE VIRTUES

- When we exercise one moral virtue, it _____ appear that we're also exercising the others.
- What If someone's life circumstances make one virtue impossible, can we not possess any other virtue?
- It appears that one may possess one _____ virtue without the others. Why not the same for the moral virtues?

WESTERN INTELLECTUAL TRADITION

St. Ambrose: "The virtues are _____ and linked together, so that whoever has one is seen to have several."

St. Augustine: "The virtues that reside in the human soul are quite _____ from one another."

St. Gregory the Great: "One virtue without the other is either of no account whatever or is very _____."

Cicero: "If you confess to not having one particular virtue, it must be that you have _____."

IMPERFECT EXERCISE OF VIRTUE

- An _____ to do some kind of good work
- When they are mere inclinations, the moral virtues are _____ connected.

PERFECT EXERCISE OF VIRTUE

- Not just an inclination to good works, but the _____ of good works
- Considered according to their perfect exercise, therefore, the moral virtues remain intimately _____.
- In order to be perfect in one we must be perfect in _____.

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| CONNECTION OF THE MORAL VIRTUES |
| 1. _____ cannot function properly without the support of the other three. "There can be no true prudence without temperance, justice, or fortitude." —St. Gregory the Great |
| 2. The _____ that justice, fortitude, and temperance have on prudence <ul style="list-style-type: none">• No moral virtue functions apart from prudence.• Prudence is the virtue that perfects deliberation and _____.• Prudence remains operative in all acts of virtue. |

The sign that we are making progress in virtue is when prudence, justice, fortitude, and temperance consistently _____ and increasingly _____ in our souls.

Comprehension questions:

- 1. Imperfect vs perfect exercise of virtue:** To which of the four cardinal virtues are you most naturally inclined? You can make your inclination to this virtue perfect by performing its acts more deliberately. What is one concrete way you could practice that virtue this week?

- 2. Connection of the Virtues:** Choose two of the cardinal virtues and describe a scenario where they are both necessary and dependent on each other.