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**Living in Grace**  
***Virtue Ethics and Christian Living***  
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How can we know the right course of action when we have an ethical dilemma? Does the Bible still help us? What 'rules' of moral behaviour are appropriate for Christians? *Living in Grace* suggests that virtues like faithfulness, generosity, honesty, caring, integrity, justice, mercy and gratitude can form the basis of good decision making with regard to the moral questions we face. After a brief introduction to the philosophy of ethics and the perspective of Virtue Ethics, there are six examples of complex ethical situations - remarriage, suicide, truth-telling, abortion, obedience to parents, an unexpected inheritance - each of which looks at a passage from the New Testament and considers the situation from the point of view of rule-based ethics, the ethics of consequences, and Virtue Ethics. Each example is followed by a short discussion from a Christian perspective of one of the main virtues that was involved in the decision - righteousness, freedom, wisdom, love, peace and grace. A concluding section evaluates Virtue Ethics as a way to avoid the polarization of much ethical thinking and as a tool for use in the church. There is a short study guide offering questions and further biblical references to explore the issues raised in the three sections of the book.

This could be a valuable book for priests and those who are involved with guiding others in pastoral situations. It is easily readable, without jargon, and with a clear belief in the Bible to guide us in living well.

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