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So, “in the Odyssey, Penelope has *arete*, because she is the best wife a woman can be. But Achilles in the Iliad also has *arete*, because he is the best warrior that a man can be. Odysseus has *arete* because he is so clever, and thinks up effective plots. Athletes have *arete* when they win the foot-race. Being very good at something good is the definition of *arete*; Medea’s witchcraft, for example, isn’t *t* because it’s a bad thing.”[1]

Elsewhere *arete* describes “manliness” or valor in battle, fortune, fame, and success, but as time went on the word was used to describe an excellence – including moral excellence – that is so remarkable, it must be miraculous. It is obvious God is working in your life.

Success then doesn’t depend on the accomplishments listed on your resume, but on the excellence of your life. Be excellent in your craft, whatever it may be. Be excellent in your relationships. Be excellent in your soul! Be excellent! You’re a child of God.



[1] Downloaded from <https://quatr.us/greeks/arete-virtue-greek-philosophy.htm>

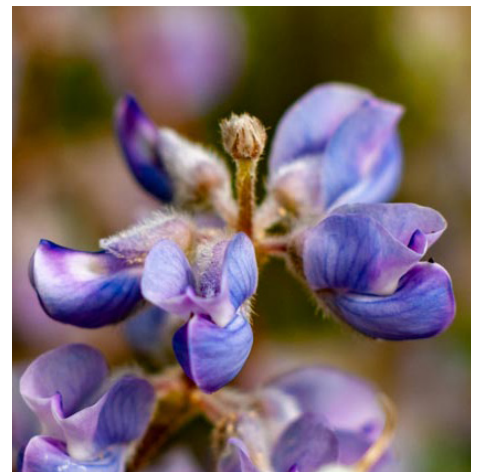
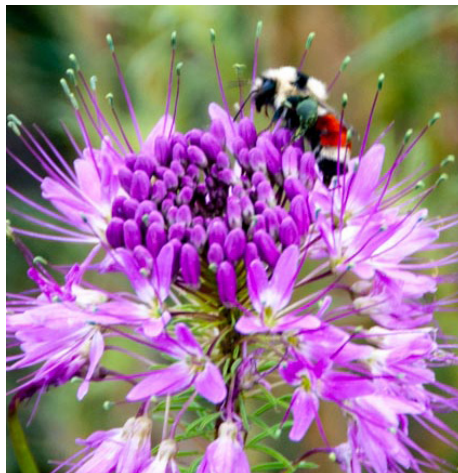
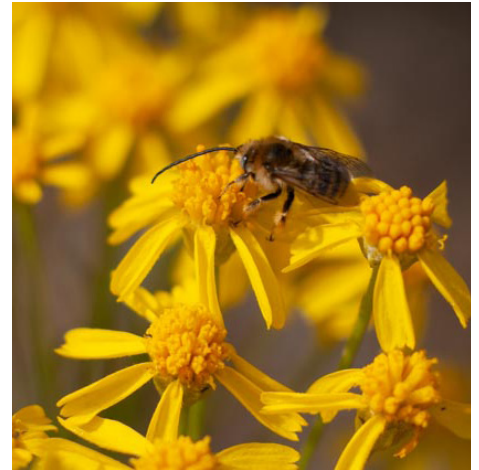
News & Prayer Requests

The end of summer is fast approaching. School will be starting soon, and many of our members are squeezing in last minute vacations. Let’s pray for their safety!

Covid and the Delta variant have returned to Stafford County! Let’s pray hard for our community!

Vacation Pictures

News is a little sparse this week, but that gives me room to share some pictures from Buena Vista, Colorado. I especially enjoyed getting down on my hands and knees and enjoying the flowers close-up!



“Consider the lillies of the field”