

Five Questions: The *Charmides* Dialogue

In order to answer the following eight questions, read pages 20–22 of “Socrates (Part 1)”, which can be found in Archie’s resources.

1. When asked by Socrates to explain what temperance is, Charmides gave two definitions.

(i) What was the very *first* way that Charmides had defined temperance?

(ii) Why did Socrates believe that Charmides had *misdefined* temperance?

2. After his *first* definition of temperance was convincingly refuted by Socrates, Charmides proposed a *second* definition of temperance.

(i) What was the *second* way that Charmides had defined temperance?

(ii) Why did Socrates believe that Charmides once again had *misdefined* temperance?

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3. Critias made two claims about the virtue of temperance.
 - (i) According to Critias, how are temperance and happiness related?
 - (ii) According to Critias, what *is* temperance? In other words, what was his *definition* of temperance?
4. According to Critias, what very *specific* kind of knowledge is necessary for happiness?
5. Why did Socrates believe that Critias had *misdefined* temperance? (According to Socrates, what do temperance and happiness have to do with the two different kinds of knowledge that he and Critias discussed?)