

**Unit 11 - Homework 4: Plato's *Charmides* Dialogue**

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In order to answer the following questions, read Plato's *Charmides* dialogue, which you can find on pages 50—53 of Unit 11.

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?

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?  
(Hint: According to Socrates, what do temperance and happiness have to do with the two different kinds of knowledge that he and Critias discussed?)