



## Falling Short and Becoming a Better Person: Insights from Psychology, Philosophy, and Christianity

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We often fall short of the virtuous people we are supposed to be. Results from psychology confirm this. Many of us would give increasingly severe electric shocks to a test taker for each wrong answer, like the majority of the participants did in the famous Milgram studies. And like the shoppers in a Target store in West Virginia in 2001, we may not stop on Black Friday to help a man who had collapsed. We may even join some of those shoppers in stepping over his body! **So what if anything can we do to try to become better people?** This talk will suggest some answers by drawing on insights from moral philosophy, psychology, and the Christian tradition.

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